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Lumaj calls for cooling-off period

Republican wants break from personal attacks in US Senate race after death of Klarides' mother

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Republican Peter Lumaj called Tuesday for a cooling-off period this week from personal political attacks in order to mourn the death of a fellow candidate's mother.

Lumaj, who is running in a three-way primary for the U.S. Senate on Aug. 9, criticized conservative candidate Leora Levy of

Greenwich for leveling attacks on Themis Klarides, whose mother died on July 15 at the age of 89. The wake for Theodora Klarides is scheduled for Thursday and the funeral Mass will be Friday.

Klarides had been spending time recently with her mother at Griffin Hospital in Derby after she was transferred there after receiving daily care in her home.

After Klarides' mother died on Friday, the Levy campaign

released a long memo several days later of more than 20 paragraphs that blasted Klarides and U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal. Levy had previously derided Klarides as a "Hartford swamp creature" and "the next Liz Cheney" who would vote with Democrats if she gets to Congress.

"Themis Klarides is a Democrat in disguise," wrote Christopher Velazco, Levy's campaign manager. "From the start, Themis Klarides and the Establishment have spread misinformation and

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U.S. Senate candidate Peter Lumaj is calling for a cooling-off period after Republican Leora Levy's campaign criticized Themis Klarides days after Klarides' mother died at age 89. **COURANT FILE**

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Workers make a plea for help



SEIU 1199NE union members wait on the steps of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services in Hartford with a letter of demands. The letter states that higher demands for mental health and addiction services and a wave of retirements of front-line staff and health care providers have pushed many of them to the edge. They asked for both Commissioner Nancy Navarretta and Gov. Ned Lamont to immediately fill 400 vacant positions by August so Connecticut residents can get the care they need. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

Burglary gang leader sentenced to prison

Group stole millions in merchandise, terrorized Connecticut businesses

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

One of the ring leaders of a brazen gang of thieves that made off with at least \$4 million in high-end automobiles, cellphones and cash-stuffed ATM machines in more than 180 break-ins along the shoreline was sentenced to 7½ years in prison Tuesday.

FBI agents said Joseph Cartagena, with his brother Alexander Santiago, 27, both of the Bronx, terrorized car dealerships and high end electronics stores along the shore while leading police on dozens of high speed pursuits for much of 2020 before their arrests the following January.

In the hours leading to his arrest, federal prosecutors said Cartagena led police on a chase across Manhattan, racing along sidewalks and repeatedly crashing into police vehicles. When they searched his apartment afterward, FBI agents described it as a cross between a "criminal Best Buy and a bank."

FBI agents said Cartagena kept

most of the stolen merchandise and money in his apartment: stacks of electronic devices, more than 30 key fobs associated with stolen cars, various license plates, 9mm ammunition, and about \$87,000 in cash.

Federal prosecutors said they have tied Cartagena to more than 180 burglaries in Connecticut and New York. Most of the businesses he and his crew admitted hitting were car dealerships and cellphone stores, although the group also stole from check cashing businesses, video game retailers, and, at least once, from the driveway of a private home where they spotted a new car.

Cartagena and his crew typically hit several businesses in one night, forcing entry by breaking down a door or through a window. They hauled away ATM machines, loaded up cellphones or other merchandise and, in the case of car dealerships, key fobs which they used to take vehicles.

Federal prosecutors said Cartagena distributed price lists for the stolen goods to potential buyers, offering top-of-the-line, boxed and unopened iPhones for a bargain

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Dogs play Tuesday in a fountain in Lille, northern France, as Europe sweats through an intense heat wave. **MICHEL SPINGLER/AP**

UK sees highest temperature ever

Wildfires scorch Europe as unusual heat wave persists

By Danica Kirka and Jill Lawless
Associated Press

LONDON — Britain shattered its record for highest temperature ever registered Tuesday amid a heat wave that has seared swaths of Europe, as the U.K.'s national weather forecaster said such highs are

now a fact of life in a country ill-prepared for such extremes.

The typically temperate nation was just the latest to be walloped by unusually hot, dry weather that has triggered wildfires from Portugal to the Balkans and led to hundreds of heat-related deaths. Images of flames racing toward a French beach and Britons sweltering — even at the seaside — have driven home concerns about climate change.

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Mental health hotline calls rise

State's crisis team reports 50% increase with new 988 number

By Stephen Underwood
Hartford Courant

As the new mental health hotline number 988 rolls out across the country, it's already having an effect in Connecticut, where calls to the state's crisis contact team were up 50% this weekend.

The new hotline, which connects with trained crisis contact center staff who can help people experiencing mental health crises around the clock, began receiving calls this weekend.

The 988 system will build on the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, an existing network of over 200 crisis centers nationwide staffed by counselors who answer millions of calls each year — about 2.4 million in 2020. Calls to the old lifeline, 1-800-273-8255, will still go through even with 988 in place.

"We did experience an increase in calls both on Saturday and Sunday," said Carin Buckman, communications director for the United Way of Connecticut. "This spike is likely related to the media attention regarding the 988 transition."

On Saturday, there were 123 calls to the state's crisis contact team, a 50% increase over the previous Saturday of 82 calls. On Sunday, there were 92 calls, a 37% increase over the previous Sunday, with just 67 calls into the state's call center. Ninety-seven percent of calls on Sunday were answered within 9 seconds and within 3 seconds on Saturday, Buckman said.

The United Way of Connecticut since 1976 has had local call centers in place for mental health resources and in 1999 Connecticut became the first state to implement a statewide system through the 211 number. In the past, 2-1-1 has been the go-to number for mental health services in Connecticut, but the 988 initiative will now be a nationwide version of that call center.

"As of June of this year we had 98% of crisis center calls answered in 6 seconds or under," Buckman said. "We have become the model in the nation. We tied this year with Washington, D.C., as one of the top four states and regions in the country for our speed and answer rate. So when someone calls that number they are assured somebody will pick up the phone."

In October 2020, Congress passed legislation which designated 988 as the univer-

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Eversource fined \$1.8M over alleged deceptive marketing

Connecticut Attorney General William Tong on Tuesday fined Eversource Energy Inc. \$1.8 million, the second state penalty in seven months over deceptive marketing practices related to natural gas connections. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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sal number to access the national mental health crisis hotline system, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Veterans Crisis Line. Since then, Connecticut has spent time planning for the implementation of this system.

The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services leads the state's 988 initiative in partnership with the Department of Children and Families.

While states across the country were in various stages of preparedness for the rollout, struggling with funding, hiring and building infrastructure for the service, Connecticut

"Connecticut is very prepared but we still have some work to do," said Andrea Duarte, Behavioral Health Program Manager in the Prevention and Health Promotion Division of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. "We're lucky here in Connecticut because we've had mobile crisis services for quite some time. But what's really helped us is that we have had one call center to access those crisis services with the United Way. That has allowed us to be better prepared."

Some states already have comprehensive mental health crisis systems, but others have a long way to go. Widespread shortages of mental health specialists are expected to slow some states from expanding services.

"Every second matters when someone is in crisis," Duarte said. "Much like when someone calls 911 for fire, police or a medical response, 988 will provide a suite of services for people who need help with mental health and addiction. One of the biggest challenges over the last two years was the pandemic and making sure we were fully staffed with specialists and crisis counselors."

The United Way of Connecticut's crisis contact specialist team is now fully staffed, according to Buck-

man, after a rigorous hiring process last year. The team is made up of individuals with both bachelor's and master's degrees in the mental health field, as well as peer support specialists who speak with callers drawing from the perspective of their own lived experiences.

"The most important thing to remember is that 988 is just another avenue to reach the call center," Buckman said. "Both 211 and 1-800-273-8255 are still valid numbers and will connect to the same call center. So all three numbers still work."

The centers can provide referrals to resources and transfer calls to emergency services as needed. Calling 988 does not automatically result in an emergency responder situation. Currently, only a small number of Lifeline calls require activation of the 911 system when there is imminent risk to someone's life that cannot be reduced during the Lifeline call.

"Overall Connecticut is in a better place than most of the country," said Thomas Burr, community and affiliate relations manager for the Connecticut chapter of the National Alliance of Mental Health, a nationwide advocacy group. "But we have work to do. For the most part, when folks need help they end up in the emergency room which is not what they need. They become traumatized from being put in a psych ward which has the opposite effect in helping them recover."

In 2021, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline received more than 3 million calls, chats and texts nationally and it is expected to at least double within the first full year after the 988 transition.

"The new 988 number is a helpful way to increase awareness of mental health resources," Burr said. "It's a good step. Next lets focus on increasing those resources for when someone hangs up the phone."

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Theodora Klarides, the mother of U.S. Senate candidate Themis Klarides, shown above, died on Friday at age 89. The wake is scheduled for Thursday. JESSICA HILL/AP PHOTOS

Election

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lied, and when countered, Themis whines and cries foul to the media. It's apparent that she did not think twice about attacking our party's National Committeewoman, but now that she knows she is losing the fight, she is trying to beg off."

He added, "Themis wants to be seen as being above the fray but truly, she is behind the recent pathetic attempt to disparage Leora with false attacks. Her campaign circulated a letter attacking Leora, full of the whining, insider baseball, and crocodile tears you would expect from the Establishment when its back is up against

the wall."

Lumaj, who is running for statewide office for the fourth time, said he understands clashes over policies during a campaign, but added the personal attacks must stop for the coming days this week.

"What strikes me as morally reprehensible was Leora Levy's decision to launch a massive personal attack against Themis Klarides while her family is grieving the passing of her mother," Lumaj said. "In campaigns, we have to talk about candidates' records and any issues in them must be discussed and brought before the voters. But for now I am calling on Leora Levy to leave personal attacks against Themis Klarides out of the discus-



Several days after Klarides' mother died, the campaign for Republican U.S. Senate candidate Leora Levy released a memo that blasted Klarides and U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal.

sion for the next few days, to give her and her family time to mourn. I will be praying for Themis and her family over the next few days, and I encourage you to as well."

Later Tuesday, a campaign spokeswoman said that Levy had expressed her sympathies on a radio show hosted by a former Republican legislator.

"Leora expressed her deepest condolences to Themis Klarides this morning on the Gary Byron show," the spokeswoman said. "All of our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time. Leora is going to continue fighting for our principles and point out where her opponent's record doesn't match our priori-

ties. There's one conservative outsider in the race for Senate, and we know that Leora's message is resonating with voters."

Brian Werstler, a spokesman for Klarides, said the entire campaign is thinking about Klarides and her younger sister, Nicole.

"We owe it to their mom to press on and go win this thing," Werstler said Tuesday. "Politics is a tough business, but there is still room for basic human decency in our interactions with each other. Peter is a gentleman and his kind words, respect, and civility mean a great deal to Themis and the team."

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Burglaries

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basement \$500.

"The burglary and loss totals, while staggering, are conservative amounts as they only account for incidents for which there is sufficient proof tying the theft to the conspiracy," federal prosecutors said in a memo filed in U.S. District Court in Hartford.

"Mr. Cartagena and his co-conspirators continued unabated for so long because they were initially

difficult to identify and difficult to apprehend," according to the memo.

"They would conceal their identities with sunglasses, hats, hoods, and masks. They would also affix misused license plates to their vehicles which further frustrated identification efforts," it said. "And when police encountered the defendants during their burglary sprees, the defendants, including Mr. Cartagena personally, would engage the police in high-speed chases. These dangerous chases were

integral to the longevity of the conspiracy."

Cartagena was captured repeatedly on surveillance, including when he stole the car from the private home and later the same night when "he would show the same practiced confidence when ripping off a Guilford AT&T store," according to the memo.

Prosecutors said Cartagena and his brother led the ring, planned and organized the thefts, recruited others to help, inventoried the stolen goods and split the proceeds. Cartagena's lawyer

argued in court that he was not a leader.

"Everyone here was an independent contractor," Attorney Jon M. Silveri wrote in a filing with the court. "He had no control."

"He believes he has learned his lesson from this case," Silveri said. "His being involved in this case was due to poor judgment, lack of education and desire to obtain money."

Federal authorities charged five men in the burglary conspiracy. Santiago was sentenced to 7½ years in prison in May.

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Houses of worship increase level of security

Recent shootings show violence can happen anywhere

By Deepa Bharath and Luis Andres Henao
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Rev. Steven Marsh never thought he would see the day his church in Laguna Woods, California — a town of 16,500 populated largely by retirees — would be spending \$20,000 a month for security.

Then a gunman opened fire on May 15 during a luncheon at Geneva Presbyterian Church, where Marsh is senior pastor, killing one and injuring five other members of a Taiwanese congregation that met there.

Officials said the man, who was motivated by political hatred against Taiwan, chained the church's doors shut and hid firebombs inside before shooting at the gathering of elderly church members.

Houses of worship are meant to be places of shelter, reflection and peace, where strangers are welcome.

But the recent high-profile mass shootings in the U.S. are a reminder violence can happen anywhere, prompting some faith leaders to ramp up security.

At Geneva Presbyterian, armed security guards now stand watch every weekday and during Sunday services. The church also is adding more security cameras, developing an active shooter plan and applying for Department of Homeland Security funding.

"We're not trying to militarize the church," Marsh said. "We prayed about it and made a decision to have armed security as an act of faith."

Without the new security measures, Marsh predicted that a mass exodus by the congregation and the schools on the church's campus would have followed the shooting.



A stained glass window once damaged by bullet holes is now repaired at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas. In January, a pistol-wielding man took four people hostage at the synagogue during a Shabbat service. **LM OTERO/AP**

Creating a space that is both safe and welcoming is possible, said Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker, the former spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas.

In January, he and three others were taken hostage by a pistol-wielding man during a Shabbat service. Cytron-Walker threw a chair at the gunman — a courageous act that helped them safely escape — after a nearly 11-hour standoff. He credits the several rounds of active shooter training he has taken.

"When you are unable to run away or find a hiding place, you need to find a way to act and to fight back," Cytron-Walker said. "When we were most afraid he was going to kill us, I saw a moment I had been looking for all day long."

Cytron-Walker now leads Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem, North

Carolina. As he works on a security plan with his new congregation, he is being mindful of how a welcoming synagogue can enhance safety "because someone who wants to do harm can see that they are not going to be able to walk in anonymous."

Historically, sanctuaries have been vulnerable to violent attacks — from bombings at Black churches during the Civil Rights era to more recent shootings in the U.S. at mosques and Sikh gurdwaras.

In the U.S., FBI hate crime statistics show that incidents in churches, synagogues, temples and mosques increased 34.8% between 2014 and 2018.

"All faiths are under attack in America by radicals and extremists," said Alon Stivi, a security consultant for synagogues, Jewish community centers and day schools. Some congregants are reti-

cent to show up.

"They're asking a lot more questions: 'Should I come to the weekly services or just come for the holidays? And if I come, should I bring my kids?'"

Religious leaders who once preferred to leave security in the hands of the divine are taking precautions that seemed unthinkable years prior, Stivi said. More congregants are carrying concealed handguns to services, too, he said.

From \$25 million in 2016 to \$180 million last year, the federal government has steadily increased the amount of funding it sets aside to help the faith community with security costs, Stivi said. But not all faith leaders are aware they can apply for it, he said.

Past attacks on houses of worship and other public spaces have prompted faith leaders to evaluate — sometimes for the first time — if

there is more that can be done to keep their flocks safe.

Today an armed police officer watches over Sunday services at Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, said the Rev. Kylon Middleton, who leads the congregation. When an officer is unable to be on campus for church events, members carrying concealed weapons keep watch.

"It is sad, but we are in such times where we must have armed security to protect our people," he said.

The church is two blocks away from Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. In 2015, a self-proclaimed white supremacist opened fire during Bible study and killed nine worshippers, including the senior pastor. Middleton said the late pastor was like a brother to him.

In the wake of the massa-

cre, security discussions at Mount Zion factor worship style into the equation, including the need for some to always keep their eyes open, especially when most have theirs closed in prayer, Middleton said.

"No one ever thought mass shootings would happen in churches, which are sacred sanctuaries where you can escape the world and seek spiritual refuge," he said. "When that space has been violated, it creates a restlessness of spirit."

After the 2018 massacre at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Rabbi Jon Leener met with local New York police to discuss safety for Base BKLYN, his home-based ministry that has welcomed thousands.

For years, he and his wife, Faith, would unlock their front door right before Shabbat dinners, believing in a Judaism where no door is shut or locked. That changed after Tree of Life — the deadliest antisemitic attack in U.S. history. Leener also installed a security camera and a buzz-in system for visitors. He hired an armed guard after this year's hostage situation in Texas.

"It's terribly unfortunate that we live in an age when we need to compromise our value of openness for the threat of violence, but that is just the reality at the moment," Leener said.

It is a balancing act for many. Marsh said the shooting in his church happened because members of the Taiwanese congregation were welcoming to the shooter — a person they didn't know.

"The church needs to be welcoming to all people, and we cannot lose that," he said.

"Are there ways an active shooter could get on our campus again? Yes. But we have to be willing to have this happen again. Otherwise, we would all have to go through metal detectors. It would no longer be a church."

Heat

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The U.K. Met Office weather agency registered a provisional reading of 104.5 degrees at Coningsby in eastern England — breaking the record set just hours earlier. Before Tuesday, the highest temperature recorded in Britain was 101.7 degrees, set in 2019. By late afternoon, 29 places in the U.K. had broken the record.

As the nation watched with horror and fascination, Met Office chief scientist Stephen Belcher said such temperatures in Britain were "virtually impossible" without human-driven climate change.

He warned that "we could see temperatures like this every three years" without serious action on carbon emissions.

The sweltering weather has disrupted travel, health care and schools. Many homes, small businesses and even public buildings, including hospitals, in Britain don't have air conditioning, a reflection of how unusual such heat is in the country better known for rain and mild temperatures.

The intense heat since Monday has damaged the runway at London's Luton airport, forcing it to shut for several hours, and warped a main road in eastern England, leaving it looking like a "skate park," police said. Major train stations were shut or nearly empty Tuesday, as trains were canceled or ran at low speeds out of concern rails could buckle.

London faced what Mayor Sadiq Khan called a "huge surge" in fires because of the



Firefighter trucks burn on Monday during a wildfire on the Mont d'Arrees, outside Braspars, western France. A heat wave fueling ferocious wildfires in Europe pushed temperatures in Britain over 104 degrees for the first time after regional heat records tumbled in France. **LOIC VENANCE/GETTY-AFP**

heat. The London Fire Brigade listed 10 major blazes it was fighting across the city Tuesday, half of them grass fires. Images showed several houses engulfed in flames as smoke billowed from burning fields in Wennington, a village on the eastern outskirts of London.

Sales of fans at one retailer, Asda, increased by 1,300%. Electric fans cooled the traditional mounted troops of the Household Cavalry as they stood guard in central London in heavy

ceremonial uniforms. The length of the changing of the guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace was shortened. The capital's Hyde Park, normally busy with walkers, was eerily quiet — except for the long lines to take a dip in the Serpentine lake.

"I'm going to my office because it is nice and cool," said geologist Tom Elliott, 31, after taking a swim. "I'm cycling around instead of taking the Tube."

Ever the stalwart, Queen

Elizabeth II carried on working. The 96-year-old monarch held a virtual audience with new U.S. Ambassador Jane Hartley from the safety of Windsor Castle.

A huge chunk of England, from London in the south to Manchester and Leeds in the north, remained under the country's first "red" warning for extreme heat Tuesday, meaning there is danger of death even for healthy people.

Climate experts warn that global warming has

increased the frequency of extreme weather events, with studies showing that the likelihood of temperatures in the U.K. reaching 104 degrees is now 10 times higher than in the pre-industrial era. The head of the U.N. weather agency expressed hope that the heat gripping Europe would serve as a "wake-up call" for governments to do more on climate change. Other scientists used the milestone moment to underscore that it was time to act.

Extreme heat broiled other parts of Europe, too. In Paris, the thermometer in the French capital's oldest weather station — opened in 1873 — topped 104 degrees for just the third time. The 104.9 measured by weather service Meteo-France on Tuesday was the station's second-highest reading ever, topped only by a blistering 108.7 degrees in July 2019.

Drought and heat waves tied to climate change have also made wildfires more common and harder to fight.

In the Gironde region of southwestern France, ferocious wildfires continued to spread through tinder-dry pine forests, frustrating efforts of more than 2,000 firefighters and water-bombing planes.

Tens of thousands of people have been evacuated from homes and summer vacation spots since the fires broke out July 12, Gironde authorities said.

A smaller third fire broke out late Monday in the Medoc wine region north of Bordeaux, further taxing resources.

In Greece, a large forest fire broke out northeast of Athens, fanned by high winds. Fire Service officials said nine firefighting aircraft and four helicopters were deployed to try to stop the flames from reaching inhabited areas on the slopes of Mount Penteli, some 16 miles northeast of the capital.

But weather forecasts offered some consolation, with temperatures expected to ease along the Atlantic seaboard Tuesday and the possibility of rains rolling in late in the day.

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Jan. 6 focus on Secret Service grows

Agents’ texts were deleted even after preservation order

By Farnoush Amiri
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secret Service text messages from around the time of the attack on the U.S. Capitol were deleted despite requests from Congress and federal investigators that they be preserved, the agency confirmed Tuesday in response to a subpoena from the House Jan. 6 committee.

Florida Rep. Stephanie Murphy, a Democratic member of the Jan. 6. panel, said the Secret Service acknowledged the erasure in a letter Tuesday, detailing how agency phones were migrated to a new system in the weeks after the 2021 attack.

Murphy said the agency left it up to individual agents to decide what electronic records to keep and what to delete during the process.

“Nobody along the way stopped and thought, ‘Well, maybe we shouldn’t do the migration of data and of the devices until we are able to fulfill these four requests from Congress,’” Murphy said on MSNBC.

The deletion of the messages has raised the prospect of lost evidence that could shed further light on then-President Donald Trump’s actions during the insurrection, particularly after testimony about his confrontation with security as he tried to join supporters at the Capitol.

Murphy said that while the agency has turned over a large number of records and documents, what the committee is still seeking is



A Secret Service officer keeps watch as the presidential motorcade arrives at the White House. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP 2020

the electronic communication between agents on the day before the attack and as a mob of rioters breached the Capitol building on Jan. 6.

“What they have also said is that they are going to continue to see if there are other ways in which they can secure the required and subpoenaed text messages that we have asked for,” Murphy said. “My hope certainly is that they do find a way to find those texts and respond to the subpoena.”

The Secret Service’s response to the committee came the same day the National Archives requested that the agency investigate “the potential unauthorized deletion” of the texts.

The agency has been the target of heavy scrutiny following a letter sent last week by the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, obtained by The Associated Press, that told lawmakers that Secret Service messages between Jan. 5 and Jan. 6, 2021, were erased “as part of a device-replacement program.”

The Secret Service has said all procedures were followed and pledged “full cooperation” with the Archives’ review.

“The United States Secret Service respects and supports the important role of the National Archives and Records Administration in ensuring the preservation of

government records,” said agency spokesman Anthony Guglielmi.

The National Archives, which is in charge of government record-keeping, asked the Secret Service to investigate the possible erasure of the messages and report back within 30 days.

“Through several news sources, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has become aware of the potential unauthorized deletion of United States Secret Service (Secret Service) text messages,” Laurence Brewer, the chief record keeper for the U.S., said in a letter to the Department of Homeland Security.

If it is determined any text

messages were deleted, the agency must detail what records were affected, a statement on the reasoning for deletion, plan for establishing safeguards to prevent future loss as well as “details of all agency actions taken to salvage, retrieve, or reconstruct the records,” the letter read.

The Secret Service responded by telling AP that “the insinuation that the Secret Service maliciously deleted text messages following a request is false.”

“In fact, the Secret Service has been fully cooperating with the OIG in every respect whether it be interviews, documents, emails, or texts,” said Guglielmi, the Secret Service spokesman.

He said the Secret Service had started to reset its mobile devices to factory settings in January 2021 “as part of a pre-planned, three-month system migration.” In that process, some data was lost.

The nine-member House Jan. 6 panel has taken a recent, renewed interest in the Secret Service following the dramatic testimony of former White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson about Trump’s actions on the day of the insurrection.

Meanwhile, Rep. Bennie Thompson, chairman of the House Jan. 6 committee, has tested positive for COVID-19, but the panel will still hold its prime-time hearing Thursday, according to a spokesman for the panel.

Thompson, D-Miss., announced Tuesday that he tested positive for the virus on Monday and is experiencing mild symptoms. Thompson, 74, said he will be isolating for the next several days, but Jan. 6 committee spokesman Tim Mulvey said the committee’s eighth hearing this summer will proceed. He did not say if Thompson will participate virtually.

Thompson’s diagnosis comes as the panel is preparing for the hearing, which is expected to focus on what Trump was doing in the White House for several hours as his supporters were breaking into the Capitol and interrupting the certification of Joe Biden’s presidential victory. Two White House aides who resigned immediately afterward — Matthew Pottinger, the former deputy national security adviser, and Sarah Matthews, a former deputy press secretary — are expected to testify.

Texas school shooter left ominous trail of warnings

State report reveals possible motives for tragedy that killed 21

By Bernard Condon
Associated Press

The Uvalde, Texas, gunman gave off so many warning signs that he was obsessed with violence and notoriety in the months leading up to the attack that teens who knew him began calling him “school shooter.”

He was once bullied in one of the same classrooms where he killed 19 children and two teachers. And in the planning for the May 24 massacre, he collected articles about the Buffalo, New York, supermarket shooting and played video games with a young student while quizzing him about the school schedule.

A state investigative report that highlighted law enforcement’s bungled response to the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School has also provided the most in-depth account to date about missed red flags and possible motivations surrounding 18-year-old Salvador Ramos. Despite many warning signs, he still managed to legally amass more than \$5,000 in guns, ammunition and gear in the

weeks leading up to the killings.

Days before the attack, Ramos spoke out on social media of his plans to do something that would “put him all over the news.” He wrote of a desire to kill himself, shared online videos of beheadings and violent sex, and sent footage of himself driving around with “someone he met on the internet” holding a plastic bag containing a dead cat and pointing BB guns at people from the window.

“The attacker became focused on achieving notoriety,” according the 77-page interim report released Sunday by an investigative panel of the Texas House of Representatives. “He believed his TikTok and YouTube channels would be successful. The small number of views he received led him to tell those with whom he interacted that he was ‘famous,’ that they were mere ‘randoms’ by comparison.”

The report — based on interviews with family members, testimony and data from Ramos’ phone — lays out a long trail of missed signals prior to the massacre but notes these clues were known only to “private individuals” and not reported to authorities. It also found

Ramos had no known ideological or political views that would have made his rantings more widely known.

The report traces the descent of a shy, quiet boy once described by a teacher as a “wonderful student” with a “positive attitude.”

A former girlfriend told the FBI that she believed Ramos had been sexually assaulted by one of his mother’s boyfriends at an early age, the report said, but when Ramos told his mother at the time, she didn’t believe him.

Without assigning a specific motive, the report noted that Ramos talked about painful fourth grade memories to an acquaintance weeks before the shooting.

Family members told investigators how Ramos had been bullied in one of the same linked classrooms where he carried out the attack. They said he faced ridicule over his stutter, hair and for wearing the same clothing nearly every day.

Failing grades soon were accompanied by frequent absences — more than 100 a year beginning in 2018. The report noted it was unclear if a school resource officer ever visited Ramos’ home. Uvalde High School officials involuntarily withdrew him



Family members of mass shooting victims at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, listen as an investigative report by state lawmakers is released on Sunday. ERIC GAY/AP

last fall, when he had only completed the ninth grade. That was about the same time he moved out of his mother’s house and began living with his grandmother, just blocks from the elementary school.

Two months before the shooting, a student on Instagram told him that “people at school talk (expletive) about you and call you school shooter.”

Crystal Foutz, who attended school with Ramos, told The Associated Press he was frequently angry and gave off “vibes”

like he could shoot up the place.

Ramos took jobs at two fast-food restaurants to save money for what he told acquaintances was “something big,” which family members assumed was his own apartment or car.

But on May 16, the gunman turned 18, and began purchasing firearms and ammunition. He eventually spent thousands of dollars on two AR-style rifles, ammunition and other gear. And with no criminal history or even an arrest, Ramos passed all back-

ground checks.

He had earlier written online “10 more days,” eliciting speculation from readers that he was planning to “shoot up a school or something” or commit “mass murder.” A friend told him that an acquaintance was “telling everyone u shooting up the school.”

He also spent time playing the video game Roblox with his cousin’s son, a student at Robb Elementary, and “elicited from him details about his schedule and how lunch periods worked at the school.”

Biden signs order sanctioning captors of Americans detained abroad

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden signed an executive order Tuesday aimed at increasing the flow of information to families of Americans detained abroad and at imposing sanctions on the criminals, terrorists or government officials who hold them captive.

It is unclear if the new order will result in bringing home more Americans jailed in foreign countries,

but senior Biden administration officials who previewed the action to reporters said they regard it as an important way to raise the cost of hostage-taking and to punish captors.

The executive order comes as the administration faces criticism from some families over a perceived lack of creativity and aggressiveness in getting their loved ones home. It also comes as the ongoing detention in Russia of WNBA star Brittney Griner has brought

increased attention to the population of Americans who are jailed abroad and designated by the U.S. as wrongfully detained.

The action relies on a section of the Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act — named after a retired FBI agent who vanished in Iran 15 years ago and is presumed dead — that authorizes the pres-



ident to impose sanctions, including visa revocations, on people believed to be involved in the wrongful detention of Americans.

Officials said that could apply to government officials or to criminals or terrorists unaffiliated with a government. Since sanctions may not always help facilitate a jailed American’s release — Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, for instance, has proceeded

despite economic sanctions from Western allies — such punishment is expected to be used judiciously, according to one official who briefed reporters on the condition of anonymity.

Another element of the order will direct federal agencies to improve sharing information and intelligence with families of detainees about the latest status of their case and efforts to get their loved one home.

In addition, the State Department is adding a

new risk indicator to its country-specific travel advisories to warn travelers about nations where there’s believed to be an elevated risk of detention.

The department already uses foreign travel risk indicators for categories including crime, health and kidnapping. Officials said the new risk indicator, marked as “D” for detention, will be applied initially to China, Iran, Myanmar, North Korea, Russia and Venezuela.

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Survey: Ballot drop boxes did job

No major issues seen from expanded use during '20 elections

By Anthony Izaguirre and Christina A. Cassidy
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The expanded use of drop boxes for mailed ballots during the 2020 election did not lead to any widespread problems, according to an Associated Press survey of state election officials across the U.S. that revealed no cases of fraud, vandalism or theft that could have affected the results.

The findings from both Republican- and Democratic-controlled states run contrary to claims made by former President Donald Trump and his allies who have intensely criticized their use and falsely claimed they were a target for fraud.

Drop boxes are considered by many election officials to be safe and secure, and have been used to varying degrees by states across the political spectrum. Yet conspiracy theories and efforts by Republicans to eliminate or restrict them since the 2020 election persist. This month, the Wisconsin Supreme Court's conservative majority ruled that drop boxes are not allowed under state law and can no longer be widely used. Drop boxes also are a focal point of the film "2,000 Mules," which used a flawed analysis of cellphone location data and ballot drop box surveillance footage to cast doubt on the results of the 2020 presidential election.

In response to the legislation and conspiracy theories surrounding drop boxes, the AP sent a survey in May to the top elections office in each state seeking information about whether the boxes were tied to fraudulent votes or stolen ballots, or whether the boxes and the ballots they contained were damaged.

All but five states responded to the questions.



Yvonne Gali steps out of her car to cast her California primary ballot June 7 at a drop-off box in Sacramento, California. RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

None of the election offices in states that allowed the use of drop boxes in 2020 reported any instances in which the boxes were connected to voter fraud or stolen ballots. Likewise, none reported incidents in which the boxes or ballots were damaged to the extent that election results would have been affected.

A previous AP investigation found far too few cases of potential voter fraud in the six battleground states where Trump disputed his loss to President Joe Biden to affect the outcome.

A number of states — including Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas — said they do not allow the use of drop boxes. Some had not allowed them before the 2020 election, when the coronavirus pandemic prompted wider use of mailed ballots.

In states where they are

used, secretaries of state or election commissioners may not be aware of every incident involving a drop box if it was not reported to their office by a county or other local jurisdiction.

Drop boxes have been a mainstay in states with extensive mail voting for years and had not raised any alarms. They were used widely in 2020 as officials sought to provide alternative ways to cast ballots with the COVID-19 outbreak creating concerns about in-person voting. The boxes also gave voters a direct method for submitting their ballots, rather than sending them through the U.S. Postal Service and worrying about delivery delays.

Starting months before the 2020 presidential election, Trump and his allies have made a series of unfounded claims suggesting that drop boxes open the door to voter fraud. Republican state lawmakers, as part

of their push to add new voting restrictions, have in turn placed rules on when and where the boxes could be accessed.

Arizona Assistant Secretary of State Allie Bones said drop boxes are "safe and secure" and might even be considered more secure than Postal Service mailboxes. She said bipartisan teams in the state collect ballots from the drop boxes and take them directly to secure election facilities, following so-called chain-of-custody protocols.

"Not to say that there's anything wrong with USPS, and I think they do a great job as well, but the hysteria around ballot drop boxes I think is just a made-up thing to create doubt and fear," Bones said.

Arizona has had robust mail-in voting for years that includes the use of drop boxes, and in the AP survey, the state reported no damage, stolen ballots or fraud asso-

ciated with them in 2020. Nevertheless, Trump-aligned lawmakers in the state pushed for legislation that would ban drop boxes, but were stymied by Democrats and several Republicans who disagreed with the strategy.

Utah is a state controlled by Republicans that also has widespread use of mailed ballots and no limits on the number of drop boxes a county can deploy. Jackson Murphy, spokesman for Lt. Gov. Deidre Henderson, a Republican who is the state's top election official, said in the AP survey that Henderson encourages counties to make secure drop boxes accessible to voters.

Of the states responding to the survey, 15 indicated that drop boxes were in use before 2020 and 22 have no limits on how many can be used in this fall's election. At least five states take the extra step of setting a minimum number of drop boxes

required.

Republican-led Florida and North Dakota and Democratic-led New York did not respond. Montana and Virginia did, but did not answer the survey questions related to the 2020 election.

Last year, five states added new restrictions to ballot drop boxes, according to research by the Voting Rights Lab. That included Georgia, where President Joe Biden won a narrow victory and where drop boxes were allowed under an emergency rule prompted by the pandemic.

Georgia Republicans say their changes have resulted in drop boxes being a permanent option for voters, requiring all counties to have at least one. But the legislation, which includes a formula of one box per 100,000 registered voters, means fewer will be available in the state's most populous communities compared with 2020.

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New justice to find court in turmoil

Jackson returns to institution where she once clerked

By Adam Liptak
The New York Times

Less than two hours after the Supreme Court ended a wrenching term last month, it welcomed a new member. Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, who had been waiting in the wings since she was confirmed by the Senate in April, took two oaths of office — and joined a court in turmoil.

“She’s entering the court at a time of just crazy polarization after a very momentous term and after this huge leak from the spring,” said David Lat, a legal commentator, referring to the disclosure in May of a draft opinion overturning *Roe v. Wade*, which closely resembled the decision last month that did away with the constitutional right to abortion.

“I’m sure her colleagues will be very welcoming to her, but there may just be a lot more circumspection around the building,” said Lat, author of *Original Jurisdiction*, a newsletter about the law and legal profession. “It could be a little weird.”

In joining the court, Jackson returned to a familiar setting. She had served as a law clerk to Justice Stephen Breyer, whom she replaced, in the term that ended in 2000.

But that was a very different time — and the differences illuminate both the extraordinary transformation of the institution and the challenges its newest member will face.

In an end-of-term overview that July, *The New York Times’* Supreme Court reporter, Linda Greenhouse, asked John Roberts, then a prominent lawyer, for his assessment of the court’s major decisions.

“Which cases were most visible to the public this year?” asked Roberts, who

would become chief justice five years later. “Probably school prayer, abortion and *Miranda*, and the conservatives lost all three.”

The term that ended last month also featured cases on school prayer, abortion and *Miranda*. This time around, though, the conservatives won all three.

The court in 2000 was about halfway through an 11-year stretch without any changes in personnel, the second-longest such period in its history.

It was by most accounts a happy place. That, too, has changed.

“This is not the court of that era,” Justice Clarence Thomas said at a conference in Dallas two weeks after the leak, adding: “We actually trusted each other. We may have been a dysfunctional family, but we were a family.”

Since Roberts’ arrival in 2005, there have been seven new justices. The only current member of the court who was serving in 2000, when Jackson was a law clerk, is Thomas.

After she was sworn in last month, Jackson alluded to the fact that her appointment as the first Black woman to serve on the court was a milestone.

“I am truly grateful,” she said in a statement, “to be part of the promise of our great nation.”

Breyer, in his own statement, said his successor would fit in well at the court.

“I am glad for my fellow justices,” he said. “They gain a colleague who is empathetic, thoughtful and collegial.”

Jackson’s experience as a law clerk may speed her acclimation. Six of the 10 justices who were once Supreme Court clerks sit on the current court: Roberts, Jackson, Elena Kagan, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett.

Still, the court Jackson knew in 2000 was a different place, even though then as now, it was dominated by Republican appoint-



Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, then President Joe Biden’s nominee to the Supreme Court, works on March 29 in her office in Washington. SARAHBETH MANEY/THE NEW YORK TIMES

tees. Indeed, it was in that sense even more lopsided, with seven justices named by Republican presidents rather than the current six.

But the justices’ partisan affiliations in those days did not reliably predict their votes.

Two of the members of the court appointed by Republicans — Justices John Paul Stevens and David Souter — were liberals. Another two — Justices Sandra Day O’Connor and

Anthony Kennedy — were moderates who leaned right. Only the remaining three — Chief Justice William Rehnquist, Thomas and Antonin Scalia — were committed conservatives.

That meant the court’s two Democratic appointees — Breyer and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg — were very much in the mix on a court that could be unpredictable. Jackson, although she will be part of a three-member liberal wing, will have less

room to maneuver.

These days, partisan affiliations are closely aligned with voting patterns in major cases. In decisions issued last month on abortion, guns, religion and climate change, all of the six Republican appointees voted with the majority and all of the three Democratic ones were in dissent.

Consider the contrasts Roberts noted in 2000 and their 2022 counterparts.

In 2000, the court applied principles announced in *Roe v. Wade* to strike down a Nebraska law that banned a late-term procedure that opponents call partial-birth abortion. Breyer wrote the majority opinion in the 5-4 decision.

Just seven years later, after Justice Samuel Alito replaced O’Connor, the court reversed course in another 5-4 decision, now sustaining the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. After further changes in the court’s personnel, including the addition of three justices appointed by President Donald Trump, the court last month overruled *Roe* entirely.

In 2000, the court was wary of prayer in public schools, ruling that organized prayers led by students at high school football games violated the First Amendment’s prohibition of government establishment of religion.

“The delivery of a pregame prayer has the improper effect of coercing those present to participate in an act of religious worship,” Stevens wrote for the majority in a 6-3 decision. Four Republican appointees voted with the majority.

In June, in a 6-3 decision divided along partisan lines, the court ruled that a football coach at a public high school had a constitutional right to pray at the 50-yard line, discounting the possibility of coercion.

Jackson may have hoped that she would have the summer to settle in and prepare for the major cases next term, which starts in October. But there will be activity on what critics call the court’s shadow docket before then.

The court is considering an emergency application from the Biden administration to undo a trial judge’s ruling blocking the administration’s approach to immigration enforcement. She will probably cast her first vote in that case.



Russian President Vladimir Putin shakes hands with Iran’s President Ebrahim Raisi on Tuesday in Tehran, Iran, as ties strengthened between the nations. SERGEI SAVOSTYANOV/SPUTNIK

Putin garners strong support from Iran in visit with leaders

By Nasser Karimi and Vladimir Isachenkov
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Russian President Vladimir Putin won staunch support from Iran on Tuesday for his country’s military campaign in Ukraine, with Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei saying the West opposes an “independent and strong” Russia.

Khamenei said if Russia hadn’t sent troops into Ukraine, it would have faced an attack from NATO later, a statement that echoed Putin’s own rhetoric and reflected increasingly close ties between Moscow and Tehran as they both face crippling Western sanctions. NATO allies have bolstered their military presence in Eastern Europe and provided Ukraine with weapons to help counter Russia’s attack.

“If the road would have been open to NATO, it will not recognize any limit and boundary,” Khamenei told Putin. Had Moscow not acted first, he added, the Western alliance “would have waged a war” to return the Crimean Peninsula that Russia seized from Ukraine in 2014 back to Kyiv’s

control.

In only his second trip abroad since Russia launched the military action in February, Putin conferred with Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the conflict in Syria, and he used the trip to discuss a U.N.-backed proposal to resume exports of Ukrainian grain to ease the global food crisis.

In Washington, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee gave easy bipartisan approval Tuesday to admitting Finland and Sweden into NATO, as lawmakers aimed for quick Senate passage and a show of congressional support for expansion of the U.S. and European defense alliance in the face of Russia’s war in Ukraine.

The vote sets the expansion up for a decision by the full Senate as soon as next week.

Turkey, a NATO member, has found itself opposite Russia in bloody conflicts in Syria and Libya. It has even sold lethal drones that Ukrainian forces have used to attack Russian troops. But Ankara hasn’t imposed sanctions on the

Kremlin, making it a sorely needed partner for Moscow. Grappling with runaway inflation and a rapidly depreciating currency, Turkey also relies on the Russian market.

Erdogan made Putin wait for nearly a minute before entering the room for talks and then praised what he described as Russia’s “very positive approach” during last week’s grain talks in Istanbul.

Speaking to Erdogan, Putin thanked him for his mediation to help “move forward” a deal on Ukrainian grain exports. “Not all the issues have been resolved yet, but it’s good that there has been some progress,” Putin added.

U.N., Russian, Ukrainian and Turkish officials had reached a tentative agreement on some aspects of a deal to ensure the export of 22 million tons of desperately needed grain and other agricultural products trapped in Ukraine’s Black Sea ports by the fighting. Reaching the agreement would mark a major step toward alleviating a food crisis that has sent prices of vital commodities such as wheat and barley soaring.

House OKs legislation that protects same-sex marriage

By Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House overwhelmingly approved legislation Tuesday to protect same-sex and interracial marriages amid concerns that the Supreme Court ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade* abortion access could jeopardize other rights criticized by many conservative Americans.

In a robust but lopsided debate, Democrats argued intensely in favor of enshrining marriage equality in federal law, while Republicans steered clear of openly rejecting gay marriage.

Tuesday’s election-year roll call, 267-157, was partly political strategy, forcing all House members, Republicans and Democrats, to go on the record with their views.

“For me, this is personal,” said Rep. Mondaire Jones, D-N.Y., who said he was among the openly gay members of the House. “Imagine telling the next generation of Americans, my generation, we no longer have the right to marry.”

Wary of political fallout, GOP leaders did not direct their lawmakers to hold the party line against the bill, aides said. Dozens of Republicans joined Democrats in voting for passage.

Polling shows a majority of Americans favor preserving rights to marry whom one wishes, regardless of the person’s sex, gender, race or ethnicity.

While the Respect for Marriage Act passed the House, it is almost certain to stall in the evenly split Senate, where most Republicans would likely join a filibuster to block it.

It’s one of several bills, including those enshrining abortion access, that Democrats are proposing to confront the court’s conservative majority.

“The extremist right-wing majority on the



Freshman Democratic Rep. Mondaire Jones of New York noted Tuesday that he’s one of several openly gay lawmakers in the House of Representatives. JEMAL COUNTESS/GETTY

Supreme Court has put our country down a perilous path,” said Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon, D-Pa., in a floor speech setting Tuesday’s process in motion.

But Republicans insisted that the court was only focused on abortion access in June when it struck down the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling, and they argued that same-sex marriage and other rights were not threatened.

In fact, of all the Republicans who rose to speak during the morning debate, almost none directly broached the subject of same-sex or interracial marriage.

“We are here for a political charade, we are here for political messaging,” said Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio, the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee.

As several Democrats spoke of inequalities they said that they or their loved ones had faced in same-sex marriages, the Republicans talked about rising gas prices, inflation and crime, including recent threats to justices in connection with the abortion ruling.

In a notable silence, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky declined to express his view on the bill, leaving an open question over how strongly his party would fight it, if it even

comes up for a vote in the upper chamber.

The Biden administration issued a statement of support for the marriage bill.

The Respect for Marriage Act would repeal a law from the Clinton era that defines marriage as a heterosexual relationship between a man and a woman.

It would also provide legal protections for interracial marriages by prohibiting any state from denying out-of-state marriage licenses and benefits on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity or national origin.

The 1996 law, the Defense of Marriage Act, had basically been sidelined by Obama-era court rulings, including *Obergefell v. Hodges*, which established the rights of same-sex couples to marry nationwide.

But last month, writing for the majority in overturning *Roe v. Wade*, Justice Samuel Alito argued for a more narrow interpretation of the rights guaranteed to Americans, noting that the right to an abortion was not spelled out in the Constitution.

In a concurring opinion, Justice Clarence Thomas noted that rulings similar to *Roe*, including those around same-sex marriage, should be reconsidered.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Prosecutor: Bannon's snub of congressional subpoena was a 'choice'

From news services

WASHINGTON — Federal prosecutors accused former Trump adviser Steve Bannon on Tuesday of willfully ignoring a congressional subpoena in open defiance of the U.S. government.

"It wasn't optional. It wasn't a request, and it wasn't an invitation. It was mandatory," Assistant U.S. Attorney Amanda Vaughn told jurors in her opening statement of Bannon's contempt of Congress trial. "The defendant's failure to comply was deliberate. It wasn't an accident, it wasn't a mistake. It was a choice."

Bannon, a longtime adviser and strategist for former President Donald Trump, is facing two federal charges after refusing for months to cooperate with the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol insurrection.

But his lawyers argued Tuesday that the charges against him are politically motivated and that Bannon was engaged in good-faith negotiations with the congressional committee when he was charged.

“No one ignored the subpoena,” Evan Corcoran told the jury.

In reality, he said, another one of Bannon's then-lawyers, Robert Costello, contacted an attorney for the House committee to express some of Bannon's concerns about testifying.

"They did what two lawyers do. They negotiated," Corcoran said, adding that Bannon and his legal team believed "the dates of the subpoena were not fixed; they were flexible."

An unofficial adviser to Trump at the time of the Capitol attack, Bannon, 68, is charged with defying a subpoena from the Jan. 6 committee that sought his

records and testimony. He was indicted in November on two counts of criminal contempt of Congress. Upon conviction, each count carries a minimum of 30 days of jail and as long as a year behind bars.

Clinic ends challenge: The Mississippi abortion clinic at the center of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that overturned *Roe v. Wade* ended a lawsuit Tuesday in which it had sought to block the state from enforcing a law that bans most abortions.

Jackson Women's Health Organization dropped its litigation a day after clinic owner Diane Derzis said she sold the facility and had no intention to reopen it, even if a state court allowed her to do so.

The Mississippi clinic — best known as the Pink House because of its bright paint job — stopped offering medication-induced and surgical abortions July 6, the day before Mississippi enacted a law that bans most abortions.

Mississippi was one of several states with a trigger law that went into effect after the Supreme Court ruling on June 24.

UK political race: The race to replace Boris Johnson as Britain's prime minister entered an unpredictable endgame Tuesday as three candidates for Conservative Party leader were left battling for the two spots in a runoff vote.

Kemi Badenoch, a previously little-known lawmaker who has become a rising star of the party's right wing, was eliminated from the contest after receiving the fewest votes from Conservative lawmakers in their fourth round of voting.

After the latest vote, former Treasury chief Rishi

Sunak led the shrinking field of candidates and had all but secured his place in the final pair. Trade Minister Penny Mordaunt and Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, who were neck and neck behind him, will now scramble to woo Badenoch's supporters before a final elimination vote Wednesday.

Johnson, who quit as party leader this month after snowballing ethics scandals sparked mass resignations in his government.

The two finalists will go to a runoff vote by all 180,000 members of the Conservative Party, with a winner expected to be announced Sept. 5.

Ga. election probe: Eleven Republican fake electors from Georgia are fighting subpoenas to testify before a special grand jury in an investigation into whether former President Donald Trump and others illegally interfered in the 2020 election in the state.

All 11 signed a certificate declaring falsely that

then-President Donald Trump had won the 2020 presidential election and declaring themselves the state's "duly elected and qualified" electors even though Joe Biden had won the state and a slate of Democratic electors was certified.

They filed a motion Tuesday to quash their subpoenas, calling them "unreasonable and oppressive."

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis last year opened a criminal investigation “into attempts to influence the administration of the 2020 Georgia General Election.” A special grand jury with subpoena power was seated in May at her request. In court filings earlier this month, she alleged “a multi-state, coordinated plan by the Trump Campaign to influence the results of the November 2020 election in Georgia and elsewhere.”

Willis' office declined to comment Tuesday on the motion to quash the subpoenas.

Hackers disrupted: The FBI and Justice Department recently disrupted the activities of a hacking group that was sponsored by the North Korean government and that targeted U.S. hospitals with ransomware, ultimately recovering \$500,000 in ransom payments and cryptocurrency, Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said Tuesday.

Monaco said a Kansas hospital that paid a ransom last year after being attacked by ransomware also contacted the FBI, which traced the payment and identified China-based money launderers who assisted the North Korean hackers in cashing out the illicit proceeds.

U.S. officials in 2021 scrambled to confront a wave of high-profile ransomware attacks — in which hackers encrypt or lock up a victim's data and demand exorbitant sums to return it — including against a crucial fuel pipeline on the East Coast.

Though the pace of

such large-scale, front-page attacks seems to have slowed, smaller targets continue to be affected.

South Africa bar deaths: Methanol has been identified as a possible cause of the deaths of 21 teenagers at a bar in the South African city of East London last month.

The toxic chemical was found in all of their bodies and investigations are continuing to determine whether the levels were enough to have killed them.

Methanol is a form of alcohol used industrially as a solvent, pesticide or an alternative source of fuel. It is not used in the production of alcohol sold for human consumption.

It is yet not known how the youngsters ingested the methanol.

Many of the teens, ranging in age between 13 and 17, were found dead on June 26 in the tavern, with their bodies strewn across tables and couches. Others died after they were rushed to nearby health facilities.



Highland dancers perform Tuesday at the Inveraray Highland Games in Inveraray, Scotland. The games, held on the grounds of Inveraray Castle northwest of Glasgow, celebrate Scottish culture and heritage with track-and-field events, piping and so-called heavy events, including the World Caber Tossing Championship. **JEFF J MITCHELL/GETTY**

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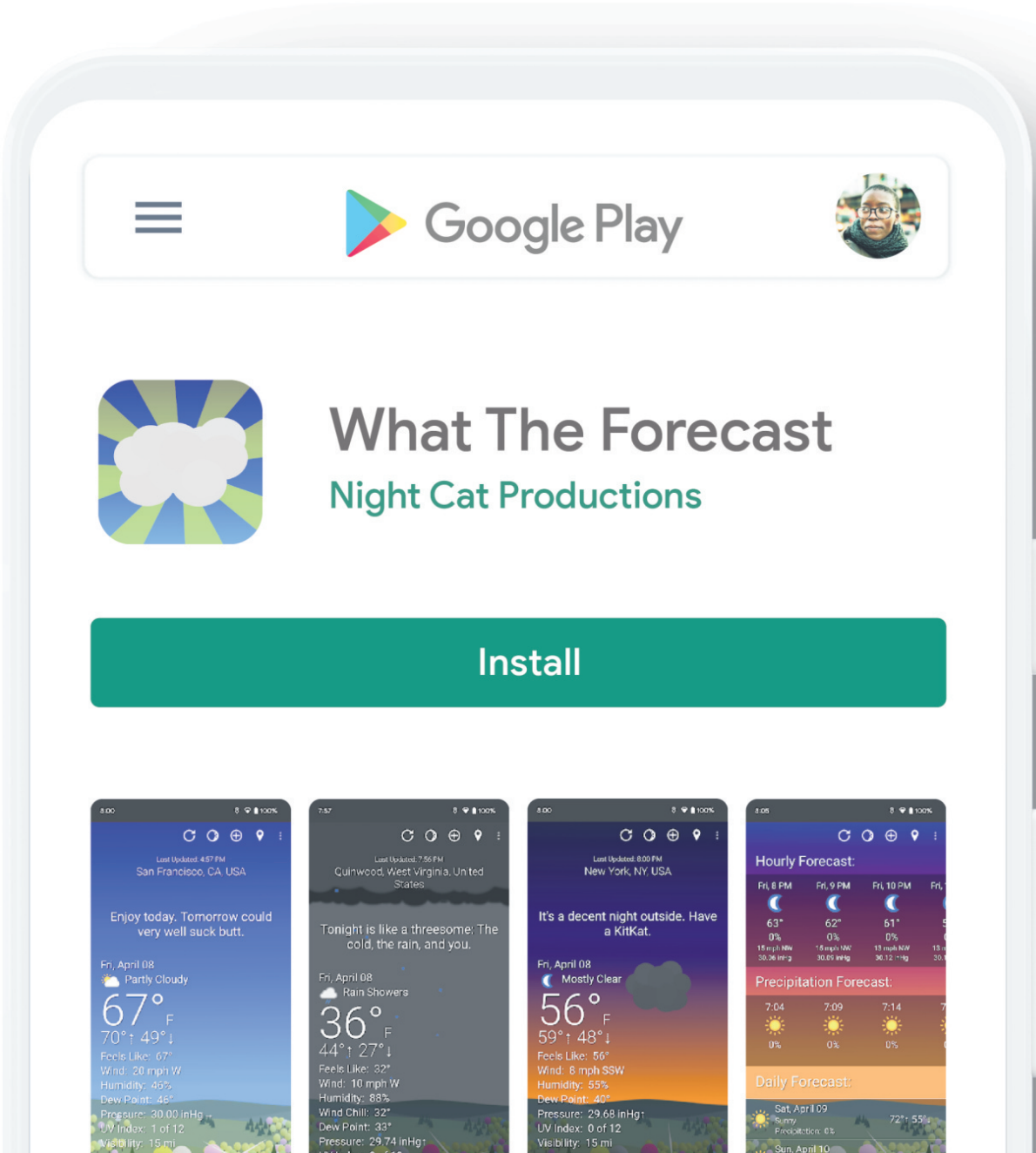


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AG issues \$1.8M fine to Eversource

Utility faces its second penalty in 7 months for deceptively marketing natural gas connections

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Connecticut Attorney General William Tong on Tuesday fined Eversource Energy Inc. \$1.8 million, the second state penalty in seven months over deceptive marketing practices related to natural gas connections.

“Eversource misled homeowners to get them to switch to natural gas,” he said in a statement. “These high-pressure tactics are unacceptable coming from any business, much less a regulated utility.”

Eversource will pay \$1.6 million to Operation Fuel, which helps low-income ratepayers, and \$200,000 to the attorney general’s office for consumer education and enforcement, Tong said.

Eversource spokeswoman Tricia Modifica said the Berlin-based utility is “pleased to resolve this matter in a cooperative and constructive way by providing help to utility customers through Operation Fuel and the attorney general’s consumer education fund.”

The state Public Utilities Regulatory Authority in December fined

Eversource \$1.8 million for failing to disclose whether marketing materials for gas connections were paid for by shareholders, ratepayers or both, in violation of Connecticut law.

Tong opened an investigation following a report in August 2021 by columnist Kevin Rennie of The Hartford Courant about notices from Eversource claiming homeowners in South Windsor would be unable to connect to natural gas when their road was resurfaced due to a “paving moratorium.”

Rennie reported that an Eversource representative later said the marketing materials referencing repaving and a cash back offer deadline were sent in error and the utility apologized.

Following its investigation last year, PURA said Eversource made “little, if any, good faith efforts” to achieve compliance “aside from a complete halt to its marketing efforts in this area.” Regulators said Eversource understood its obligation under state law “because nowhere in the record does Eversource demonstrate any instances where it inquired about the meaning of the statute” with PURA.

PURA calculated the fine as \$500 for each of the 3,594 people who received marketing materials that did not include required advertising disclosures.



State Attorney General William Tong said Eversource “misled homeowners to get them to switch to natural gas.”
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First lady coming to New Haven

Will spotlight summer learning with Education Secretary Cardona

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

First lady Jill Biden will be in Connecticut on Wednesday along with U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona to shine a light on how American Rescue Plan funds are helping students impacted by the pandemic.

Biden and Cardona will fly into Tweed-New Haven Airport for a visit to Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, according to a release from the White House. At 1 p.m. at Albertus, Biden and Cardona will visit a Horizons National nonprofit summer learning program that serves local public schools with programs on English language arts, STEM, swimming and social-emotional learning activities.



Biden



Cardona

Second-graders will read to Biden and Cardona from Gaia Cornwall’s book “Jabari Jumps” and discuss the book. Biden and Cardona will participate in a STEM LEGO activity, the release said. Horizons teachers, parents and students will hold a panel discussion and then an assembly.

After Connecticut, Biden and Cardona will fly to Detroit and then to Athens, Georgia, for similar summer learning programs.

A news release announcing the visit reads “these summer learning and enrichment programs work to ensure students have access to academic and mental health resources over the summer, and are ready to succeed when they return to school.”

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Bristol’s MLK Mural on Riverside Avenue features Martin Luther King Jr., from left, Maya Angelou and Barbara Hudson. Hudson traveled extensively and was nationally recognized as a lecturer, art consultant and curator of African American art. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

Mural ‘a beacon for antiracism’ in Bristol

Rise Up’s latest MLK-inspired project features local hero Barbara Hudson

By Deidre Montague
Hartford Courant

In America, white is the default — from actors to ads to the pages of children’s books — but a series of murals across Connecticut are designed to both showcase Black excellence and beautify the area. The newest of the murals, painted by Micaela Levesque for Rise Up for Arts, is in Bristol.

Superintendent of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Joshua Medeiros said that the city is excited to have the mural up.

“Obviously, there’s a lot going on nationwide in terms of systemic racism issues, white supremacy, etc.,” Medeiros said.

“So, the timing of this felt appropriate, and people really are looking at this, as not just a mural, but really a beacon for antiracism here in Bristol, so I think it’s timely.”

The new mural, on the side of Primo Press at 106 Riverside Ave., features Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., poet and author Maya Angelou and local heroine Barbara Hudson, who died in September 2013.

Rise Up Executive Director Matt Conway said that this is the 15th mural of RiseUP’s MLK39: Racial Equity Mural project, with the goal of completing 39 murals across the state, one for each year of Martin Luther King Jr.’s life.

“The tour uses public art to display powerful messages of racial equality by highlighting both local and national leaders in

the fight to end racism,” Conway said. “As Dr. King stated, ‘Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that.’ We believe this mural tour is the light that communities need to have important conversations around social justice issues and create the safe environment for everyone to feel loved and welcomed in their community.”

Beside King and Angelou, Levesque painted Hudson, a nationally regarded expert on African American art and a Bristol native. Hudson was the first Black curator at the Wadsworth Atheneum, where she was curator of African American art and the Simpson Collection and served as executive director of the Amistad Foundation.

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An alternative path to abortion protections?

Facing roadblocks in Senate, some lawmakers turn to ‘slimmed down versions’ of legislation

By Lisa Hagen
CT Mirror

Connecticut Democrats in Washington are all aligned on the same priority: protecting access to abortion in the wake of the Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe v. Wade.

But some in the delegation see different paths to securing those protections.

Every member of the state’s delegation has supported the dual pushes in the House and Senate to pass bills protecting abortion as a constitutional right, allow-

ing women to freely travel for the procedure and strengthening support for abortion providers. But Connecticut lawmakers are also aware that a split Senate will likely prevent any of these bills from getting to President Joe Biden’s desk, contributing to more frustration among the party’s base.

To address constituents’ concerns, Rep. Jim Himes, D-4, floated an idea at a recent private Democratic caucus meeting about voting on individual components of a bill that would broadly protect

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Dawn Cook, of Manchester, holds a sign at a rally to show support for reproductive and other rights outside the state Capitol in Hartford on May 7. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

City seeks public input on new riverfront park

Walking tours offer sneak peek of expansive, \$10 million project on Hartford-Windsor line

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Riverfront Recapture and the Hartford Healthy Family Initiative are halfway through a series of six walking tours of the future 77-acre park on the Hartford-Windsor line that will also complete the connection of a regional trail system that extends from South Windsor to East Hartford and beyond.

There are three tours, which start at 100 Meadow Road in Windsor, remaining this summer: July 30 at 9 a.m., Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. and Aug. 13

at 9 a.m. Parking is available on-site.

The tours, according to Riverfront Recapture park development manager Martha Conneely, are a part of community outreach efforts and also are forums for people to provide feedback as to what they would like to see developed at the park.

In April 2021, Riverfront Recapture president and CEO Michael Zaleski announced the \$625,000 purchase of 60 acres of land on the Hartford-Windsor border. That parcel will be combined with

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CONNECTICUT

POLICE BRIEFS

BRISTOL

Guns, drugs, stolen car found at house

A Bristol man is facing charges after police Monday executed a search warrant at a Gridley Street home and allegedly found multiple firearms, a large capacity magazine, a large amount of ammunition, narcotics, and a stolen motor vehicle, police said.

Police said members of the Bristol Police Department Patrol Division executed a search warrant in the 100 block of Gridley Street and a resident of the home, Jagdiel Velazquez, was arrested.

Velazquez is charged with three counts of criminal possession of a firearm, illegal possession of a high capacity magazine, third-degree larceny, possession of narcotics, and possession of drug paraphernalia, police said.

Velazquez was held in lieu of \$250,000 bail and was scheduled to appear in New Britain on Tuesday, police said. The investigation is open and ongoing, police said.

— Staff report

EAST GRANBY

Norwich man hit by car on Route 20

A Norwich man was injured after being hit by a car while crossing the street in East Granby, the Connecticut State Police said.

A 23-year-old woman driving a Honda Civic was traveling west on Route 20 near the Enterprise truck rental when the man, 56, walked out onto the street outside a designated crosswalk. The driver applied her breaks but was unable to stop her car before hitting the man.

The man was transported to Saint Francis Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

— Mike Mavredakis

CROMWELL

Fatal crash on I-91 under investigation

A Massachusetts man was struck and killed by a tractor-trailer outside his vehicle on Interstate 91 in Cromwell late Monday night, according to the Connecticut State Police.

Nicholas Davidowicz, 31, of Newton, Massachusetts, was killed after he was hit by a tractor-trailer, police said.

Davidowicz's vehicle, a Toyota Prius, was parked in the right and center lanes of a four-lane area on I-91 South near Exit 21. He was outside of his vehicle when a tractor-trailer that was driving south on I-91 in the right-center lane swerved to avoid a collision. Davidowicz reportedly ran from the center lane to the left lane and was struck by the tractor-trailer.

According to police the tractor-trailer driver, a 25-year-old man from Florida, lost control and struck the driver's side of the Prius causing the tractor-trailer to roll over.

The driver of the tractor-trailer reported no injuries and refused medical attention, police said. Davidowicz suffered fatal injuries and died on the scene.

— Mike Mavredakis

SOUTHINGTON

3rd People's United robbed in a week

Southington police are investigating a robbery at the People's United Bank inside of a Stop & Shop on Monday evening.

Police were called to the Stop & Shop on North Main Street around 6 p.m. Monday. An investigation revealed that two men approached two separate teller windows and gave the tellers a note demanding money, leaving shortly thereafter, according to police.

Both men were wearing surgical-style masks and hats that obscured their faces. The men were described as being white, approximately 5 feet 8 to 5 feet 10, approximately 25-30 years old with average to muscular builds.

No weapons were displayed or implied during the robbery, police said.

This is the third reported robbery at a People's United Bank inside of a Stop & Shop in Connecticut in the past week, including one in Watertown on Friday night, as well as one in Glastonbury on Saturday.

— Mike Mavredakis



The park will include a nine-acre cove for a paddle sports center, a riverfront walk across the property that will connect the Windsor and Hartford river walks and a mixed-use commercial development. COURANT FILE

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17 acres of state-owned land that previously was not accessible to the public to form the park, Conneely said.

The overall development, which is estimated to cost about \$10 million, will include a 9-acre cove for a paddle sports center, a riverfront walk across the property that will connect the Windsor and Hartford river walks, opening up a 7-mile trail along the Connecticut River, and 10 acres of land devoted to a mixed-use commercial development, Conneely said.

“People will be able to hike, bike, canoe, kayak, paddleboard, and have passive recreation,” Conneely said.

The park is edging closer to reality, according to Conneely, with Riverfront Recapture preparing to file permits with various federal, state and local agencies for approvals.

“We are just about to submit an extensive package of permits to a wide variety of regulatory agencies within days,” she said. “A huge part of our process because of the development of the park is in the flood plain, there’s massive amounts of regulatory permitting that has to occur. We have been at work on that for a number of years. Right now we’re at the point where we’re ready to submit our permits and are about to begin the remediation process of

the land.”

The remediation of the parcels, which were used as farmland, is mostly pesticides and clearing of pockets of illegal dumping that occurred throughout the years, Conneely said.

That part of the project will be funded through a \$500,000 brown-field cleanup grant from the federal Environmental Protection Agency and a \$1.2 million grant from the state Department of Economic and Community Development, Conneely said.

“It’s nothing terrible,” she said of the remediation. “Mostly it’s just pesticides that were associated with agriculture. ... There was illegal dumping, and there are some small areas where other pollutants were found. It’s perfectly safe for folks to be out there.”

Conneely said the site will be cleaned up to a residential standard so a community park can be developed there.

The permitting will hopefully be in place by the end of this year, Conneely said, with the first stage of the development — remediating the land, building the river walk, digging the cove and creating a commercial path — completed by fall 2023.

The park development process is where there is a “blank slate,” which is where the tours come in, Conneely said.

“We have this amazing asset in this underserved community, and

we have the potential to build something really amazing that serves the neighborhood and the entire region,” she said. “That planning process for what the park will be is just going to be getting underway in the next six to 12 months.”

So far, about 100 people have taken the tour beginning last year, Conneely said, adding that she has enjoyed seeing people’s reactions when they view the property.

“It’s really a pleasure to take these tours,” she said. “One of my favorite things that I do is to take people out for the first time, because so often the reaction is that folks did not realize that the river is so close to the neighborhoods in which they live — that ... our greatest shared natural resource, the Connecticut River, is right there in their backyard.

“I think that’s an indication of the barriers that have been created between the community and the river — obviously the highway, the flood control system, the railroad, et cetera. Our mission at Riverfront Recapture is to connect people with the Connecticut River and creating this equitable community access to our river is just a pleasure. ... It’s really just a pleasure to be able to introduce people to the park, and it’s great to get to start to get feedback from the folks. This is a beginning, these tours, which are a building block toward a more formal park development process, which we’ll unfold in the coming months.”

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She also was the sole proprietor of Barbara A. Hudson & Associates, working closely with upcoming and well-known artists in Hartford, Albany, Washington, D.C., and other major cities. A frequent traveler, she was nationally recognized as a lecturer, consultant, and curator of African American art and as a published author.

Former council member Rippy Patton said that Hudson’s inclusion in the mural is powerful.

“It’s tremendously important for so many reasons. The most obvious reason is that Bristol is an old town, old skate city, and it’s full of monuments for people that my generation and future generation will never know. We have seen that all these monuments, but we don’t know those people,” Patton said. “Barbara Hudson was one of the

people you could see at the grocery store. She was someone that you can touch. The fact that [she is] the first real memorial to a Bristol resident in the last 20 years, a recognized pivotal figure in our community who is also a Black woman, to me personally, it blows my mind. And I’m incredibly proud of that. I got to know her.”

Patton also said that if Hudson were still alive, she would not have imagined the long-lasting legacy she left here while living.

“Having grown up, she and my mother were great friends. Her family grew up, literally next door to my family. We shared events. Just knowing how humble of a person that she was, who did the work for the right reasons, it was never for recognition, it was always to help someone else. She passed on so much knowledge and information to the younger generation, and I don’t think she did it intentionally.

“I can imagine how proud she

would have been to actually see her face up there,” he said.

The Arts and Culture Commission sought approval for the creation of a mural to celebrate the arts and Black culture, Lauren Imbolte, City of Bristol Arts & Culture Supervisor, said. The group envisioned having three portraits on the mural.

“It was an exciting idea to both the artists and the committee that was working on the project to have someone local as the third person,” she said. “[Hudson] did a whole lot locally and then a little more nationally, down in D.C. ... curating African American art. So, it’s appealing to us to have a local hero, especially in the arts realm, be celebrated on a mural.”

Former city council member and Primo Printing principal Scott Rosado owns the building where the mural is located. An unveiling of the mural was held July 14 and attended by several hundred people.

“I’m a big believer in diversity,

NEW BRITAIN

Police ID 2 men killed in shooting

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

Police have identified the two men who allegedly shot each other to death during a fight in New Britain on Monday.

Officers responded to a report of shots fired near an apartment on Walnut Street about 12:54 p.m. on Monday and found two men suffering from gunshot wounds. Investigators learned that the men had been fighting and had apparently shot each other, according to the New Britain Police Department.

Conrad Jones, 24, of New Haven, was found suffering from a gunshot wound outside the house on Walnut Street. He was rushed to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead, police said.

Inside the apartment, police found 33-year-old Michael Jackson of Rocky Hill. Despite treatment from emergency personnel, he was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

Investigators determined that the men knew each other and were having an “active dispute” before the shooting. Both men were armed while fighting and “the conflict escalated to where they exchanged gunfire,” police said.

The department said Monday that there was no danger to the public.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner could not be immediately reached for information on the cause and manner of Jones’ and Jackson’s deaths.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

A headline on Page 1 of Tuesday’s Courant incorrectly stated that Michael Bolton is performing at a fundraiser in Bridgeport on July 29. Bolton, who is co-hosting the event with Gov. Ned Lamont, will not be performing.

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abortion access. He suggested voting separately on provisions that would preserve abortion rights for women whose lives are in danger and those who are survivors of rape and incest. Himes’ remarks at the meeting and proposal were first reported by Politico.

The congressman said the party’s suggestions for messaging when they’re back home in their districts — including blaming the Senate as the cause for inaction and telling people to vote for more Democrats — are “pretty ineffective.”

“This grew out of the thought that the recommendations we were getting were landing flat in my district. Let’s take advantage of the alignment [and] the opportunity to save some lives,” Himes told the Connecticut Mirror in an interview.

Others in the delegation, however, want to stay the course and use a broader approach to fight for access for all women.

When asked about Himes’ strategy, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal said he’s skeptical of voting on smaller pieces of legislation and, like some others in his party, worries this will let Republicans off the hook.

“Generally, the slimmed down versions of protecting women’s reproductive rights fail to do the job,” Blumenthal told CT Mirror during a Friday event with abortion rights advocates. “Proposed alternatives are filled with gaps that swallow the protections. These exceptions swallow the rule. I’m very leery of so-called substitutes

that give Republicans a pass.”

Himes, who spoke with some senior staffers for House leadership, acknowledged the pushback he’s gotten from colleagues who say they won’t “slice and dice” reproductive rights. While his proposal won’t translate to legislation, he believes that doing something is better than nothing.

“There are many people in the Congress ... fighting this in the trenches a lot more than me,” Himes said. “I’m just reflecting back the incredibly strong message I’ve heard from my constituents.”

Regardless of the relatively minor differences on messaging, Connecticut Democrats are forging ahead on all the legislation coming up in both chambers of Congress. Abortion remains legal in Connecticut, which has a “safe harbor” law permitting women to travel to get an abortion in the state.

The entire five-member House delegation on Friday once again voted for legislation — the Women’s Health Protection Act — that would codify the protections once offered under Roe v. Wade into federal law. They all previously supported a similar version of that bill last September, though it has since stalled in the divided Senate.

Connecticut lawmakers also voted Friday for a second bill that allows women who reside in states where abortion is now illegal to freely travel out of state to legally have the procedure. It also extends the same protections to those who are providing that care.

Over in the Senate, Democrats raised a similar bill on travel protections, but Sen. James Lank-

ford, R-Oklahoma, blocked taking it up Thursday. Any one senator can object when seeking to move legislation forward through a unanimous consent request. Lankford dismissed the bill, noting that “no state has banned interstate travel for adult women seeking to obtain an abortion.”

Blumenthal and U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy, who are co-sponsors of the Freedom to Travel for Health Care Act of 2022, held a virtual event last week with local reproductive rights activists about the need for extra protections that go beyond Connecticut’s ‘safe harbor’ law.

“Because of the many areas in this country where this right has been lost, we are going to see an unprecedented number of patients traveling here to get access to care,” Dr. Nicole Gavin, an OB-GYN who works with high-risk pregnancies at UConn Health, said during Friday’s event.

Blumenthal argued that a federal law could better provide support for patients, providers and employers who assist their employees in getting the procedure in another state. He added that when those seeking an abortion in Connecticut go home, the state’s law won’t “insulate them from prosecutions there when they return.”

All Democratic bills on abortion access are facing roadblocks in a split 50-50 Senate that they narrowly control. To pass legislation, they need at least 10 GOP senators to join to reach the 60-vote threshold to overcome a filibuster and move the bill towards final passage.

Republicans in Congress are overwhelmingly opposed to abor-

tion-related measures, though two GOP senators have an alternative bill that’s gotten little traction. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, and Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, proposed legislation that similarly establishes abortion as a constitutional right but grants a religious exception.

But Democrats overall appear disinterested in any legislation that limits their priorities on abortion access.

“We’re not going to negotiate a woman’s right to choose,” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-California, said at a Thursday press conference about the GOP’s alternative bill. “There has to be a real measure that protects a woman’s right to choose.”

Even with the varying strategies, Democrats are ultimately looking for GOP accountability. And they acknowledge deep frustrations from within their party to pass something before the November midterm elections where Democrats’ majorities are at risk.

Himes said his constituents are tired of hearing the mantra that they need to vote in the fall as the only solution to getting any movement on reproductive health. He said they want change while the party still holds a political trifecta: control of the House, Senate and White House.

“If we go into November and can’t say to the base, we tried everything and fought every battle, highlighted where congressional Republicans are,” Himes said, “we’ll get hurt”

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CONNECTICUT

QUICK BITES

From an idea among fathers to Granby staple

By Blaine Callahan
Hartford Courant

How do you come up with a gastropub called Four Dads? The answer is as dad-ly as it gets.

“It was the last football game of the NFL season in 2019,” says Dante Boffi, co-owner and one of the four dads behind the restaurant. The other three are Mike Garbeck, Mario Fino, and Eugene Smyth.

“Eugene said how it’d be so cool if there was a little pub in town where we could have some great food, watch the games, have a cold beer, and not have to travel 35 minutes to do that.”

With Boffi’s background in both working in and building restaurants, he had a similar idea on his mind for some years. He brought up a cozy little building right behind his office in Granby he’d been eyeing, with plenty of room for parking and a patio.

“A few beers later with our team losing and we had an idea,” he says. “A place ‘for dads’ to go.”

He, Garbeck and Smyth quickly called Fino, who was happy to sign on and round out the team.

It wouldn’t be as simple, however, as they had hoped.

Weathering the pandemic

The quartet of fathers initially planned to open Four Dads in the summer of 2020. COVID-19 had other plans.

“In February, no one really understood what was going on,” Boffi says. “There was still talk about two weeks and flattening the curve and all that.”

Approval for the space didn’t arrive until April, when lockdowns and regulations were in full effect across the country. Four Dads still had a ways to go before it was ready. Rather than throw in the towel and put the project on hold, however, they saw opportunity.

“People would be looking for a bright spot,” Boffi says. “We

plugged along that summer and opened in September at the height of the pandemic, with glass dividers and masks and the whole nine yards. Thankfully, we had a big, beautiful patio to support a lot of people to have fun, see some bands, and be out in the open air rather than be indoors.”

Even as fall turned to winter and outdoor seating was closed off, their community came out in droves to support the new business. Takeout sales soared, giving Four Dads the security and sales it needed to reach 2021. Mask ordinances were lifted, regulations relaxed, and people became more comfortable heading out and stopping in for a bite to eat.

As Boffi puts it, “We haven’t looked back, since.”

Rock ‘n’ roll and a standout menu

There’s a man cave feeling when you step inside Four Dads.

Guitars and basses line the walls with KISS records and other paraphernalia. Rock ‘n’ roll from the 1980s plays on the speakers. If Boffi is there, you’re likely to get a dad joke or two.

“If you come down to a man cave or entertainment room above the garage, we wanted Four Dads to be like that, but at an elevated level. A nice gastropub with an old-school vibe.”

The building carries a wealth of character as well. Boffi says it used to be a carriage house dating to 1786. He and the other dads managed to reclaim a lot of the original wood and use it throughout the restaurant.

They also did all the wiring and nitty gritty work, much like a dad might do.

Coupled with the charm of the building is the delicious food Four Dads serves up daily. Boffi leaned on his background in the industry to make sure he and his friends got it right.

“When it came to the food, we all drew up a list and picked out a



“If you come down to a man cave or entertainment room above the garage, we wanted Four Dads to be like that, but at an elevated level,” said Dante Boffi, co-owner of Four Dads Pub. **BLAINE CALLAHAN PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

top five we love to eat or make for our families. Those top five items were cheesesteaks, meatball grinders, chicken cutlets, burgers, and Italian hoagies.”

Their menu extends past more traditional options as well, Boffi notes. “We do chicken and waffles where everything is handmade. We make our own hot honey and go to a local farm for the syrup. We make a house-made cheddar queso gravy that goes with it too.”

There’s also a four cheese mac n’ cheese with choice of protein, wonton wrapped buffalo chicken, and cinnamon-sugar dough boys with chocolate and caramel. Everything is made fresh and to order.

“There’s a lot of pride in the drink menu and top-shelf liquor, as well,” Boffi says. “A lot of forethought went into it. We wanted it to be a representation of what we really would love to see in a place we wanted to go.”

Giving back to the community

While Boffi had myriad stories to share, one short one bite stuck out.

“Some of our older patrons are our biggest fans. They tell us it reminds them of their kids blasting their music too loud when they were kids.”



Four Dads has a large selection of beers to choose from.

Boffi’s seen dads his age thrilled over the rock paraphernalia and atmosphere, as well as teens joking on how it’s the sort of style their “old man” would love. It makes for a common ground everyone can enjoy.

“The vibe is rock ‘n roll, but the dad in the name is by far the most important thing,” Boffi says. “We try to involve ourselves. We coach teams, volunteer around town, help with local charities, sponsor as much as we can, and do as much as we can for the community as they’ve done for us. It goes hand and hand.”

While opening a restaurant in the midst of a global pandemic could have been a recipe for disas-

ter, the dads of Four Dads say they made it work. Boffi managed the front of house, Garbeck took care of booking bands and social media, Fino handled bar inventory and distributors, and Smyth managed the bookkeeping. Together, they took an idea scrawled out on a napkin and turned it into a Granby staple. They can’t thank their patrons enough.

“The community has really made this,” Boffi says. “Our success here is 100% due to the community around us.”

Four Dads Pub is at 18R Hartford Ave. in Granby. They recently expanded to a second location at 114 Asylum St. in Hartford.

Salsa Meets Jazz Fest aims to bring community together

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Salsa meets jazz for six hours in Bushnell Park this Saturday.

The 11th annual Salsa Meets Jazz Festival features six acts that explore the relationship between jazz and Latin music, each of them doing a full 50-minute outdoor set. The festival runs from 1 to 7 p.m. July 23 at the performance pavilion in Bushnell Park. Admission is free.

The festival began in 2012 in Colt Park, founded by Ramon “Ray” Santiago, founder of the popular Hartford-area salsa ensemble Orquesta Espada. For most of the next decade the Salsa Meets Jazz Festival was in Elizabeth Park. In 2019, while Elizabeth Park’s Rose Garden Lawn Stage was still under construction, the festival moved

to Bushnell Park, and that’s where organizers intend to keep it. (The 2020 edition was virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic.)

“We decided that Bushnell Park is more reflective and indicative of Hartford,” says Matt Chasen, who has been the festival’s director since Santiago’s death in 2019. “It’s more accessible. It’s in the heart of the city.”

Chasen, who lives in Simsbury, is hosting the festival. He’s also playing with the opening act, which is led by one of his high school saxophone students Jude Hale.

He would like to see Salsa Meets Jazz expand further, and would like to see it become one of the events the city of Hartford promotes as part of its Summer in the City initiative.

The full name of the festival

The schedule

- 1 p.m.:** Teen saxophonist Jude Hale and Friends
- 2 p.m.:** Puerto Rican cuatro player and vocalist Joe Diaz and Grupo Boriken.
- 3 p.m.:** Violinist Ashley Jones and Cuadro Latino.
- 4 p.m.:** Orquesta Sensacional from Springfield, Massachusetts, co-directed by bassist Dino Perez and percussionist Roberto Piñeiro.
- 5 p.m.:** Bassist Alex “Apolo” Ayala
- 6 p.m.:** The Steven Kroon Latin Jazz Sextet

remains “Ramon Santiago’s Salsa Meets Jazz Festival.” Chasen says Santiago “always had a desire to give something back to the community,” and credits his band Orquesta Espada as being

“a breeding ground of talent for countless young lions in the jazz scene. When he started the festival, it was his dream realized.

Chasen teaches music at New Haven’s Cooperative Arts & Humanities High School. He’s also a saxophonist who studied music at the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts and at the University of Hartford’s Hartt School. He’s on the board of directors of the Hartford Jazz Society.

He explains how the line-up exemplifies the festival’s title, Salsa Meets Jazz, as well as Santiago’s original vision of “bringing different contingencies from the community together. Having Latin jazz, salsa and folkloric music at the same festival was Ray’s dream line-up. The festival opens with straight-up Latin jazz. Then we have Grupo Boriken which is

more folkloric, from the mountaintops of Puerto Rico. Next, a combination of folkloric and Latin Jazz, followed by a Salsa band. Next is our first headliner, Alex “Apolo” Ayala who shows the [percussion-heavy] bomba and plena influence on jazz. Finally there’s our other headliner Steven Kroon, a quintessential Latin Jazz artist.”

Unlike the city’s many other Latin festivals, in which music is a major element but often not the primary focus, Chasen feels that Ramon Santiago’s Salsa Meets Jazz Festival is “the only festival that focuses exclusively on the music of the Latin diaspora. People who come are all about the music. That’s what they are there for.”

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16 pot cultivators in line for social equity licenses

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

State consumer protection officials on Tuesday identified cultivators who are in line for Connecticut licenses as social equity cannabis businesses intended to benefit Black and other underrepresented communities.

The Social Equity Council last week approved 16 applications and forwarded them to the Department of Consumer Protection for background checks.

Provisional licenses will be granted after the background checks are completed and the applicants have submitted information and paid a \$3 million fee. Licensees may then set up their business and apply for a final license.

Gov. Ned Lamont said Connecticut is a leader in “addressing the inequities and injustices caused by cannabis prohibition.”

“We are ensuring those communities most harmed have an opportunity to be leaders in this newly regulated industry,” he said.

Lamont and the General Assembly enacted legislation last year

allowing adult-use cannabis. The law includes a provision to recognize the government’s war on drugs that disproportionately prosecuted suspects in Black and other communities of color.

Qualifying applicants would establish their business in a disproportionately impacted area defined as census tracts that have had a conviction rate for drug-related offenses greater than 10% or an unemployment rate higher than 10%, as determined by the Social Equity Council.

About 200 disproportionately impacted areas were identified in Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bloomfield, Bridgeport, Bristol, Danbury, Derby, East Hartford, Enfield, Groton, Hamden, Hartford, Manchester, Meriden, Middletown, Morris, New Britain, New London, Norwalk, Norwich, Plainville, Shelton, Stamford, Stratford, Torrington, Vernon, Wallingford, Windham, Waterbury, West Haven, West Hartford and Windsor.

The applicants would choose from among those areas to operate their businesses and the areas also would benefit from money raised



RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

by the state in the \$3 million application fees that are dedicated to a fund.

The applicants are CT Plant Based Compassionate Care LLC; Insa CT LLC; Shangri-La Dispensary; Soulstar CT LLC; Nova Farms Connecticut LLC; The Flower House LLC; FFD 149 LLC; The Yard Connecticut LLC; Quinnipiac Valley Growth Partners LLC; Impact Initiatives LLC; MariMed CTP LLC; Connecticut Cultivation Solutions LLC; FRC Holdings LLC; River Growers CT LLC; Connecticut Social Equity LLC; The Cannabis Garden LLC.

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State police: 1 injured in rollover crash that closed Route 3 in Wethersfield

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

One person was transported to the hospital following a rollover crash on Tuesday morning, according to the Connecticut State Police.

Police were notified of a three-car crash with a rollover on Route 3 South around 10 a.m. near the Putnam Bridge in Wethersfield.

According to police, three cars were traveling south on Route 3 in the left lane. A Nissan Rogue was traveling behind a Honda Civic. Both were slowing down for traffic in the left lane due to the construction zone with the right lane and right shoulder closed south of the scene. The driver of a Ford F250 failed to slow down and struck the Nissan front to rear, causing it to roll over and come to a final rest on its roof in the left shoulder.

The Ford, driven by a 58-year-old man from South Windsor, continued and struck the Honda front to rear.


The driver of the Nissan, a 79-year-old man from Glastonbury, and his passenger, a 79-year-old woman from Glastonbury, were removed from the car and transported to Hartford Hospital by Glastonbury EMS.

The woman is listed in critical condition, according to police.

The driver of the Honda, a 53-year-old man from Baltimore, Maryland, and his two male passengers, also from Baltimore, were transported to Hartford Hospital for suspected minor injuries.

Route 3 South and the left lane of Route 3 North were shut down to investigate the crash. Southbound traffic was being diverted off Exit 3, police said. CARS, DEEP and DOT were notified and responded to the scene. All three cars were towed from the scene, police said.

Anyone with information regarding this crash and/or video footage is asked to contact Trooper Dean at Troop H in Hartford at 860-534-1000.



PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Evelyn Z. Brenner (22-00537)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated July 14, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Kathleen A. Brenner
c/o KENNETH JOSEPH SHEA, ANDERSON, REYNOLDS & LYNCH, PC., ONE LIBERTY SQUARE, SUITE 208, NEW BRITAIN, CT 06051

July 20, 2022 7252529

Public Notice of Remediation and EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant

The Town of Berlin hereby notifies pursuant to 22a-134a of the Connecticut General Statutes that an environmental clean-up will be completed for the Town owned Brownfield Site at 55 Steele Boulevard (formerly 889 Farmington Avenue) in Berlin, Connecticut. The Site has been assigned Remediation ID No. 13322 by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The cleanup will include construction of an engineered control over soil and urban fill material containing metals, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, and chlorinated volatile organic compounds. The remediation will be performed in accordance with the requirements of Sections 22a-133k-1 through 3 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

An Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) report and Community Relations Plan (CRP) has been prepared for the Site as a condition of the Brownfield cleanup grant obtained by the Town of Berlin through the United States Environmental Protection and Capitol Region Council of Governments. The ABCA and CRP as well copies of all pertinent site investigation reports, are currently available for public viewing Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Thursday 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM, and Friday 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Berlin Town Clerk's Office, Berlin Town Hall, 240 Kensington Road, Berlin, Connecticut. A Public Meeting for interested parties will be held in the Town Manager's conference room in Berlin Town Hall at 6 pm on Thursday, July 28, 2022.

Questions or written comments concerning the remediation or Brownfield grant may be mailed or emailed within 30-days from that date of this publication to:

Economic Development Director
Berlin Town Hall
240 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT 06037
Attn: Chris Edge
860-828-7005
Cedge@berlinct.gov

And

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Remediation Division
79 Elm St., Hartford, CT 06106-5127
Attn: Michael Senyk
(860) 424-3782
Michael.Senyk@ct.gov

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Constance S. Poitras (22-00533)

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Richard Poitras
c/o CHARLES A. EGGERT, CHARLES EGGERT, JR., ESQ., LLC, NINE TRUMBULL STREET, NEW HAVEN, CT 06511

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GORDON B. WALL, Late of Moodus (22-00192)

The Hon. Jennifer L. Berkenstock, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Region # 14 Probate Court, by decree dated July 12, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Rosetta F. Hinds, Assistant Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Marion Ferony (22-00534)

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Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Stephen Karp
c/o DENNIS L. KERN, KERN & KERN, LLC, 33 KENSINGTON RD., KENSINGTON, CT 06037

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NOTICE OF DECISIONS
MIDDLETOWN PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2022

1. Approved request for a re-subdivision to create 10 lots from a 26.84 ac property at 2015 South Main Street in the I-4 zone. Applicant/Agent: Robert J. Trigo/Tricon International S2022-3

2. Granted an affirmative GS 8-24 for the acquisition of a 0.71 ac property on Brown Street, map-lot 30-0201. Applicant/Agent: City of Middletown/Land Use Department. GS 8-24 2022-11

Thomas Pattavina, Chair
Planning and Zoning Commission
7/20/22 7251710


NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Commission of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 2022 in the 1st floor conference room, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and via teleconference to consider the following:

"Fine Fettle Dispensary" Application for Special Exception Use for a 4,000 s.f. adult use marijuana dispensary, 233 Boston Post Road, Assessor's Map 44/Lot 11, Gateway Business B-4 District. Applicant: FFDN ELV, LLC ("Fine Fettle") Agent: Attorney Amy Souchans

Public Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92356062093>
Meeting ID: 923 5606 2093
Meeting Passcode: 302302
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At this hearing interested parties may appear and be heard and written communications may be submitted in advance via email to chris.costa@oldsaybrookct.gov or regular mail. Copies of applications and plans are on file in the Land Use Department, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and at www.oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning-commission


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Judge sets October trial for Musk-Twitter dispute

Tesla CEO's team sought delay to '23, citing complexity around stalled \$44B deal

By **Matt O'Brien**
Associated Press

Elon Musk lost a fight to delay Twitter's lawsuit against him as a Delaware judge on Tuesday set an October trial, citing the "cloud of uncertainty" over the social media company after the billionaire backed out of a deal to buy it.

"Delay threatens irreparable harm," said Chancellor Kathaleen St. Jude McCormick, the head judge of Delaware's Court of Chancery, which handles many high-profile business disputes. "The longer the delay, the greater the risk."

Twitter had asked for an expedited trial in September, while Musk's team called for waiting until early next year because of the complexity of the case. McCormick said Musk's team underestimated the Delaware court's ability to "quickly process complex litigation."

Twitter is trying to force the billionaire to make good on his April promise to buy the social media giant for \$44 billion — and the company wants it to happen quickly

because it says the ongoing dispute is harming its business.

Musk, the world's richest man, pledged to pay \$54.20 a share for Twitter, but now wants to back out of the agreement.

"It's attempted sabotage. He's doing his best to run Twitter down," said Twitter attorney William Savitt on Tuesday.

Musk has claimed the company has failed to provide adequate information about the number of fake, or "spam bot," Twitter accounts, and that it has breached its obligations under the deal by firing top managers and laying off a significant number of employees. Musk's team expects more information about the bot numbers to be revealed in the trial discovery process, when both sides must hand over evidence.

Twitter argues that Musk's reasons for backing out are just a cover for buyer's remorse after agreeing to pay 38% above Twitter's stock price shortly before the stock market stumbled and shares of the electric-car maker Tesla, where most of Musk's personal wealth resides, lost more than \$100 billion of their value.

Savitt said the contested merger agreement and Musk's tweets disparaging the company were inflicting harm on the business and questioned Musk's request for a delayed trial, asking "whether the real plan is to run out the clock."

"He's banking on wriggling out of the deal he signed," Savitt said.

But Musk attorney Andrew Rossman said the idea that the Tesla CEO is trying to damage Twitter is "preposterous. He has no interest in damaging the company," Rossman said, noting Musk is Twitter's second-largest shareholder with a "far larger stake" than the company's entire board of directors.

Savitt emphasized the importance of an expedited trial for Twitter to be able to make important business decisions affecting everything from employee retention to relationships with suppliers and customers.

Rossman said more time is needed because it is "one of the largest take-private deals in history" involving a "company that has a massive amount of data that has to be analyzed."

Thousands of Facebook groups sued by Amazon

By **Haleluya Hadero**
Associated Press

Amazon has filed a lawsuit against administrators of more than 10,000 Facebook groups it accuses of coordinating fake reviews in exchange for money or free products.

The Seattle-based e-commerce giant said in a statement posted on its website Tuesday the Facebook groups were set up to recruit people "willing to post incentivized and misleading reviews" across its stores in the U.S. the U.K., Germany, France, Italy, Spain and Japan.

In the statement, Amazon said one of the Facebook groups it's targeting, called "Amazon Product Review," had more than 43,000 members. The company said Facebook removed the group this year, but it was able to dodge the platform's detection by "changing letters in phrases that might set off Facebook's alarms."

Amazon noted since 2020, it has reported more than 10,000 fake review groups to Meta, the parent company of Facebook. Meta has removed half of these groups and is investigating the others, Amazon said.

The retailer's announcement comes as another side of the company's operations is facing more scrutiny. On Tuesday, federal labor officials confirmed that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration has opened inspections at Amazon facilities in New York, Illinois and Florida after receiving referrals alleging safety and health violations from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York.

A spokesperson for the U.S. Attorney's Office in New York said federal labor officials entered the Amazon warehouses on Monday after their office made referrals about "potential workplace hazards," including the required pace of work for employees.

Old source, renewable power

Coal-burning plants provide value as they are repurposed for cleaner energy projects

By **Elena Shao**
The New York Times

Across the country, aging and defunct coal-burning power plants are getting new lives as solar, battery and other renewable energy projects, partly because they have a decades-old feature that has become increasingly valuable: They are already wired into the power grid.

The miles of high-tension wires and towers often needed to connect power plants to customers far and wide can be costly, time-consuming and controversial to build from scratch. So solar and other projects are avoiding regulatory hassles and potentially speeding up the transition to renewable energy by plugging into the unused connections left behind as coal becomes uneconomical to keep burning.

In Illinois, at least nine coal-burning plants are on track to become solar farms and battery storage facilities in the next three years. Similar projects are taking shape in Colorado, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico and North Dakota.

In Massachusetts and New Jersey, two retired coal plants along the coast are being repurposed to connect offshore wind turbines to the regional electrical grids.

"A silver lining of having had all of these dirty power plants is that now we have fairly robust transmission lines in those places," said Jack Darin, director of the Illinois chapter of the Sierra Club, an environmental advocacy group. "That's a huge asset."

Over the past two decades, more than 600 coal-burning generators totaling about 85 gigawatts of generating capacity have retired, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. (Individual power plants can have more than one generator.) A majority of the 266 remaining coal-burning power plants in the country were built in the 1970s and 1980s and are nearing the end of their approximately 50-year operational lifetime.

Most of that retired capacity will not be replaced with coal, as the industry gets squeezed out by cheaper renewable energy and tougher emissions regulations. At the same time, renewable energy producers are facing obstacles getting their projects connected to the grid.

Building new power lines is costly and controversial, as neighbors often oppose transmission lines that can disturb scenic vistas or potentially reduce property values nearby. In addition, getting such projects approved by regulators can be time-



Much of the coal-fired Brayton Point Power Station in Somerset, Mass., was demolished in 2019, but its extant substation will be repurposed to transfer electricity from wind farm turbines 37 miles offshore to the state's power grid. **SIMON SIMARD/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

consuming.

Building and operating renewable energy projects has long been cheaper than fossil fuel plants. The barrier "is not economics anymore," said Joseph Rand, a scientist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, which conducts research on behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy. "The hardest part is securing the interconnection and transmission access."

This makes old coal plants an attractive option as sites for renewable energy projects. Not only are the old plants already wired into the transmission system, they

also have substations, which help convert electricity to a supply that is suitable for use in homes and businesses.

Coal plants also typically sit on a sizable parcel of land, and redeveloping those sites into renewable energy projects is a way to put something productive on a piece of property that might otherwise go unused.

"It's really shifting a very negative resource into one that is more positive for the community," said Jeff Bishop, CEO of Key Capture Energy, which plans to locate a 20-megawatt battery storage project at a retired coal plant near Baltimore.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

SAS pilots reach deal to end strike

STOCKHOLM — Scandinavian Airlines pilots in Sweden, Norway and Denmark early Tuesday called off a strike that has caused major disruption for 15 days, after reaching a deal with management.

The carrier has said the strike led to the cancellation of around half of all SAS scheduled flights.

SAS CEO Anko van der Werff said the parties reached an agreement that guarantees both cost savings for the airline and job security for the pilots.

Some 900 pilots walked out July 4, citing inadequate pay and working conditions and expressing dissatisfaction with the carrier's decision to hire new pilots for vacancies at its subsidiary airlines rather than rehiring former pilots who were laid off due to the pandemic.

FDA chief orders programs review

WASHINGTON — The head of the Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday he has commissioned an independent review of the agency's food and tobacco programs following months of criticism over its handling of the baby formula shortage and e-cigarette reviews.

The announcement comes as FDA Commissioner Robert Califf attempts to push past several controversies that have dominated his second stint running the agency.

Califf said the nonprofit Reagan-Udall Foundation — a nongovernmental research group created by Congress to support the FDA's work — would convene experts to deliver evaluations within 60 business days of both the food and tobacco operations.

Researchers: Chinese GPS tracker vulnerable

By **Frank Bajak**
Associated Press

BOSTON — A popular Chinese-made automotive GPS tracker used in 169 countries has severe software vulnerabilities, posing a potential danger to highway safety, national security and supply chains, cybersecurity researchers have found.

A report by the Boston cybersecurity firm BitSight said the flaws could let attackers remotely hijack device-equipped vehicles, cutting off fuel to them and otherwise seizing control while they travel.

The researchers said users should immediately disable the MV720 GPS tracker until a fix becomes available. The report was released Tuesday to coincide with an

advisory from the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency listing five vulnerabilities.

BitSight said it tried unsuccessfully for months — beginning in September, with CISA joining it in late April — to engage the manufacturer, Shenzhen-based MiCODUS, in discussion to address the vulnerabilities.

CISA said in a statement that it was not aware of "any active exploitation" of the vulnerabilities.

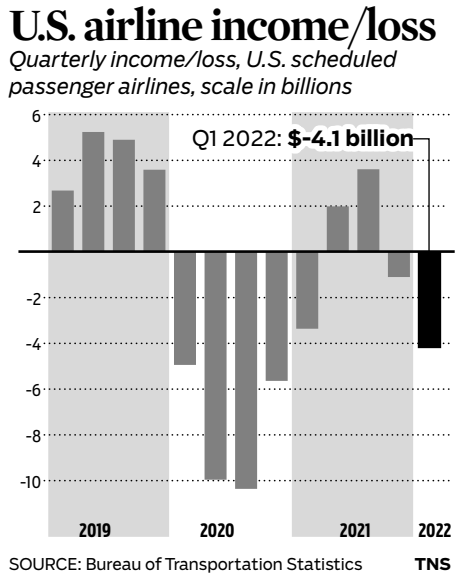
GPS trackers are used globally to monitor vehicle fleets — from trucks to school buses to military vehicles — and protect them against theft. In addition to collecting data on vehicle location, they typically also monitor other metrics, such as driver behavior and fuel usage. Via remote access,

many are wired to cut off a vehicle's fuel or alarm, lock or unlock its doors and more.

Using the MV720, which BitSight says costs less than \$25 per unit, a malicious user could remotely cut off the fuel line of a vehicle in motion, know a vehicle's real-time location for espionage purposes or intercept and taint location or other data to sabotage operations, said the principal BitSight researcher on the project, Pedro Umbelino.

The main vulnerabilities: The device comes with a default password that more than 90% of users don't change, and there is a second, obscure but hard-coded password that works for all devices, BitSight found.

The manufacturer, MiCODUS, claims an installed base of 1.5 million devices across 420,000 customers, BitSight said.



BUSINESS



Teven Le Scao’s research group created the new AI language model BLOOM, or BigScience Large Open-science Open-access Multilingual language model. MARY ALTAFFER/AP

As AI language skills grow, so do concerns of scientists

By Matt O’Brien
Associated Press

The tech industry’s latest artificial intelligence constructs can be pretty convincing if you ask them what it feels like to be a sentient computer, or maybe just a dinosaur or squirrel. But they’re not so good — and sometimes dangerously bad — at handling other seemingly straightforward tasks.

Take, for instance, GPT-3, a Microsoft-controlled system that can generate paragraphs of human-like text based on what it’s learned from a vast database of digital books and online writings. It’s considered one of the most advanced of a new generation of AI algorithms that can converse, generate readable text on demand, and even produce novel images and video.

GPT-3 can write up most any text you ask for — a cover letter for a zookeeping job, say, or a Shakespearean-style sonnet set on Mars. But when Pomona College professor Gary Smith asked it a simple but nonsensical question about walking upstairs, GPT-3 muffed it.

“Yes, it is safe to walk upstairs on your hands if you wash them first,” the AI replied.

These powerful and power-chugging AI systems, technically known as “large language models” because they’ve been trained on a huge body of text and other media, are already getting baked into customer service chatbots, Google searches and “auto-complete” email features that finish your sentences for you.

But most of the tech companies that built them have been secretive about their inner workings, making it hard for outsiders to understand the flaws that can make them a source of misinformation, racism and other harms.

“They’re very good at writing text with the proficiency of human beings,” said Teven Le Scao, a research engineer at the AI startup Hugging Face. “Something they’re not very good at is being factual. It looks very coherent. It’s almost true. But it’s often wrong.”

That’s one reason a coalition of AI researchers co-led by Le Scao — with help from

the French government — launched a new large language model last week that’s supposed to serve as an antidote to closed systems such as GPT-3. The group is BigScience and their model is BLOOM, or BigScience Large Open-science Open-access Multilingual language model.

Its main breakthrough is that it works across 46 languages, including Arabic, Spanish and French — unlike most that are focused on English or Chinese.

It’s not just Le Scao’s group aiming to open up the black box of AI language models. Big Tech company Meta, the parent of Facebook and Instagram, is also calling for a more open approach as it tries to catch up to the systems built by Google and OpenAI, the company that runs GPT-3.

“We’ve seen announcement after announcement after announcement of people doing this kind of work, but with very little transparency, very little ability for people to really look under the hood and peek into how these models work,” said Joelle Pineau, managing director of Meta AI.

Data: Cryptomining capacity to rival Houston’s energy use

By Hiroko Tabuchi
The New York Times

Seven of the largest bitcoin mining companies in the United States are set up to use nearly as much electricity as all the homes in Houston, according to data disclosed as part of an investigation by congressional Democrats who say miners should be required to report their energy use.

The United States has seen an influx of cryptocurrency miners, who use energy-hungry computers to create and track the virtual currencies, after China cracked down on the practice last year.

Democrats led by Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren are also calling for the companies to report their emissions of carbon dioxide, the greenhouse gas that is the main driver of climate change.

“This limited data alone reveals that cryptominers are large energy users that account for a significant — and rapidly growing — amount of carbon emissions,” Warren and five other members of Congress wrote in a letter to the heads of the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Energy.

Research has shown that a surge in cryptomining is also significantly raising energy costs for local residents and small businesses, and has added to the strain on the power grid in states like Texas, the letter noted.

Cryptocurrencies have grown exponentially since they were introduced more than a decade ago, and in recent years, so have concerns over cryptomining, the process of creating a virtual coin.

Earlier this year, a group of congressional Democrats launched an investigation into energy use at the country’s largest cryptomining companies. They asked seven such firms for



Seven top U.S. cryptomining companies are set up to use as much power as all the homes in Houston, the fourth-largest city in the U.S. ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2019

data on their operations, and the group’s findings, issued Friday, are based on the companies’ responses.

That data showed that the seven companies had set up to tap as much as 1,045 megawatts of power, or enough electricity to power all the residences in a city the size of Houston, the nation’s fourth-largest city with 2.3 million residents. The companies also said that they plan to expand their capacity at an eye-popping rate.

One of the largest U.S. cryptomining companies, Marathon Digital Holdings, said it operated almost 33,000 highly specialized “mining rigs,” as of February, up from just over 2,000 at the start of 2021. By early next year, it intends to get that number up to 199,000 rigs, it said.

The company operates a cryptomining center powered by the Hardin Generating Station in Montana, which generates electricity by burning coal.

But in April, Marathon announced that it would be moving those operations to “new locations

with more sustainable sources of power” and that the company was moving toward achieving carbon neutrality. It did not provide further details.

Greenidge Generation Holdings, which operates a bitcoin mining center powered by a natural gas plant in upstate New York, said it expected to ramp up its mining capacity tenfold in multiple locations, including in South Carolina and Texas, by 2025. But New York last month refused to renew an air pollution permit for the facility, calling Greenidge’s cryptomining operations a threat to the state’s goals to limit emissions of greenhouse gases to fight climate change. Greenidge has said it could continue to operate under its current permit while it challenged the state’s decision.

Overall, the biggest seven cryptomining companies expected to increase their total mining capacity by at least 2,399 megawatts in the coming years, an increase of nearly 230% from current levels, and enough energy to power 1.9 million residences.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

▲ **DOW**
31,827.05 +754.44

▲ **10-YR T-BOND**
3.01% +0.5

▲ **GOLD**
\$1,710.00 +80

Dow Jones Industrials
Close: 31,827.05
Change: 754.44 (2.4%)

10 DAYS

Commodities

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	104.22	102.60	+38.57%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	7.26	7.48	+94.75%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.31	3.26	+48.43%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,710.00	1,709.20	-6.43%
Silver (oz)	18.67	18.79	-19.97%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ ForEx
Britain	1.1995	.8337
Canada	.7763	1.2882
China	.1483	6.7450
Euro	1.0229	.9776
Japan	.007235	138.22
Mexico	.048774	20.5029

Money Rates

	PREV. CLOSE	YTD WK.
Prime rate	4.75	4.75
3-mo. T-Bill	2.51	2.17
6-mo. T-Bill	3.04	2.78
5-yr T-Note	3.14	3.05
10-yr T-Note	3.01	2.98
30-yr T-Bond	3.17	3.18

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	13,308.41	+348.60	+2.69%	-16.22%
London	7,296.28	+73.04	+1.01%	-1.20%
Hong Kong	20,661.06	-185.12	-.89%	-11.70%
Nikkei	26,961.68	+173.21	+0.65%	-6.36%

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	31,827.05	+754.44	-12.41%
DOW Trans.	13,796.65	+515.24	-16.27%
DOW Util.	957.41	+7.64	-2.38%
NYSE Comp.	14,766.60	+363.42	-13.97%
Nasdaq Comp.	11,713.15	+353.10	-25.13%
S&P 500	3,936.69	+105.84	-17.40%
S&P 400	2,374.96	+76.02	-16.43%
Wilshire 5000	39,216.61	+1,070.25	-19.08%
Russell 2000	1,799.32	+60.90	-19.86%

Stocks of Local Interest									
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG		STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	16.36	-.18	-39.9		Marathon Digital Hld (MARA)	12.90	+3.14	-74.7	
AT&T Inc (T)	20.80	+.27	-15.4		Meta Platforms Inc (META)	175.78	+8.55	-47.7	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	85.88	+4.45	-40.3		MetLife Inc (MET)	60.80	+1.70	-2.7	
Alphabet Inc C (GOOG)	114.62	+4.71	-20.8		Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	259.53	+5.28	-22.8	
Alphabet Inc A (GOOGL)	113.81	+4.78	-21.4		Mullen Automotive (MULN)	1.09	+.03	-79.2	
Altamire Therapeutic (CYTO)	.53	+.08	-70.6		Netflix Inc (NFLX)	201.63	+10.71	-66.5	
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	118.21	+4.45	-29.1		Neuronetics Inc (STIM)	3.81	+.17	-14.6	
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	15.16	+.62	-15.6		Novartis AG (NVVS)	86.00	+3.30	-1.7	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	67.65	+2.43	-22.7		Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	169.92	+8.91	-42.2	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	151.00	+3.93	-15.0		Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	71.84	+2.88	-17.5	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	45.34	+.80	-9.1		Palantir Technol (PLTR)	9.34	+.31	-48.7	
Bank of America (BAC)	33.35	+1.09	-25.0		Pfizer Inc (PFE)	51.37	+.62	-13.0	
Barnes Group (B)	32.22	+1.32	-30.8		Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.01	+.19	-39.5	
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	1834.80	+96.01	-23.5		Prudential FncI (PRU)	95.17	+2.51	-12.1	
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	73.14	-.60	+17.3		Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	60.41	+.35	-9.5	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	96.79	+2.50	-6.2		Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	93.82	+4.02	-9.0	
Carnival Corp (CCL)	10.36	+.71	-48.5		Riot Blockchain Inc (RIOT)	6.98	+.75	-68.7	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	37.17	+1.62	-31.5		Rogers Corp (ROG)	266.01	+2.48	-2.6	
Charter Commun (CHTR)	482.95	+8.94	-25.9		SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	60.74	+2.19	-25.9	
Cigna Corp (CI)	274.60	+6.25	+19.6		Shopify Inc (SHOP)	34.37	+1.83	...	
Citigroup (C)	52.13	+2.06	-13.7		Sidus Space Inc A (SIDU)	3.98	+1.15	-62.2	
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	41.31	+.77	-17.9		Snap Inc A (SNAP)	14.15	+.23	-69.9	
Disney (DIS)	99.61	+3.91	-35.7		Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	6.41	+.35	+37.6	
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	104.80	+3.32	-17.7		Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	112.54	+5.73	-40.3	
Ethan Allen (ETD)	22.64	+.58	-13.9		Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	22.26	+.66	-8.4	
Eversource Energy (ES)	83.25	+.80	-8.5		Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.32	-.00	-43.9	
Exela Technologies (XELA)	.13	-.00	-84.8		Sunstone Hotel Inv (SHO)	10.85	+.84	-7.5	
Ford Motor (F)	12.59	+.63	-39.4		Terex Corp (TEX)	30.61	+1.68	-30.4	
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	3.51	+.01	-32.5		Tesla Inc (TSLA)	736.59	+14.95	-30.3	
Gen Dynamics (GD)	214.68	+4.89	+3.0		Tilray Brands Inc (TLRY)	3.56	+.16	-49.4	
Gen Electric (GE)	66.74	+3.06	-29.4		Travelers Cos (TRV)	158.35	+3.36	+1.2	
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	63.48	+1.57	-8.1		Twitter Inc (TWTR)	39.49	+1.08	-8.6	
Honeywell Intl (HON)	177.23	+6.28	-15.0		United Rentals (URI)	270.51	+13.46	-18.6	
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	12.20	+.12	-23.4		UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	533.45	+14.08	+6.2	
Imperial Petroleum (IMPP)	.44	+.03	-79.5		Virtus Invest (VRTS)	184.67	+6.84	-37.8	
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	18.71	+.27	-26.1		Voya Financial (VOYA)	58.83	+1.19	-11.3	
Intel Corp (INTC)	40.22	+1.51	-21.9		Webster Financial (WBS)	45.34	+1.41	-18.8	
IBM (IBM)	130.88	-7.25	-2.1		Wells Fargo & Co (WFC)	42.90	+1.71	-10.6	
Invitae Corp (NVTa)	2.21	-.46	-85.5		White Mtns Insur (WMT)	1242.16	+7.56	+22.5	
Kaman (KAMN)	30.60	+1.88	-29.1		World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	64.51	+1.22	+30.7	
Keycorp (KEY)	18.05	+1.35	-22.0		XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	51.81	+3.47	-33.1	
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	49.06	+1.60	-28.1		Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	15.59	+.81	-31.1	
Liquidia Tech (LQDA)	5.42	+1.69	+11.3						
M&T Bank (MTB)	164.71	+6.74	+7.2						
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Should omicron’s ‘worst variant’ have you worried?

By Faye Flam
Bloomberg Opinion

The ways we think about the COVID-19 pandemic have evolved with the virus. In 2020, it was a potentially deadly threat we could avoid by being careful; in 2021, it was something that was likely to infect everyone eventually; and now, it’s becoming seen as a persistent health hazard that can reinfect people multiple times, each time inflicting cumulative damage and increasing the odds of long-duration symptoms.

Now that most people have been infected, there’s really no other way a new variant can take over except by breaking through immunity from past infections and vaccinations. That’s one reason The Washington Post called BA.5, the currently circulating subvariant of the highly transmissible omicron, “the worst variant.”

Your definition of “the worst” may vary. It’s certainly the most infectious so far — but the widespread availability of vaccines will make it far less deadly than earlier versions. The concern about cumulative harm, especially to the heart and brain, is reason to avoid getting reinfected, but there are understandable limits to how far people can or will go to evade BA.5. The young and healthy may brush off repeat infections like common colds, while older, sicker or more vulnerable people who’ve already battled with the virus have yet

another thing to worry about.

Some of the latest concerns about cumulative damage stem from a study of health care records from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The researchers looked at records from more than 5 million people to compare fates of the never-infected with more than 250,000 who sought care for one COVID-19 infection, and about 38,000 who sought care for two or more. The conclusion: The risk of long-term damage or prolonged symptoms increased with that second infection.

What’s not clear yet is whether the damage came from having fairly severe repeat infections or whether it has anything to do with long COVID, the mysterious syndrome that afflicts previously healthy people with months of crippling fatigue and other health problems. Moreover, because of the sample — the average age of the subjects was over 60, and they all got sick enough to seek treatment — the results might overstate the risk of reinfection to the general population.

Another study, published in Science, hints at why reinfections are such a problem even among the vaccinated, despite earlier work showing people build up powerful antibodies against this virus. The study authors suggested that immunity from previous versions of the virus might actually dampen the body’s ability to develop immunity to omicron — the

variant that’s been dominant, in different forms, since the winter.

The researchers used blood samples from 731 vaccinated and boosted health care workers in the U.K. They found hints that previous infections with the original variant, or the offshoots alpha and delta, might interfere with the body’s ability to make antibodies specific to omicron and its offspring, thus leaving people more vulnerable to reinfection. In other words, some forms of natural immunity might prove a long-term liability.

The idea, which the researchers called immune damping or imprinting, is that the immune system can get stuck creating antibodies programmed to fight these earlier variants, and so produce weapons not quite geared to fit the new targets.

The study was too small to conclude anything — at best, it hints that immune imprinting deserves more study. As the infectious disease specialist Monica Gandhi of the University of California, San Francisco, pointed out, only 17 subjects in the study got omicron. Moreover, the study didn’t track actual reinfections — as a proxy, it examined how well antibodies and immune cells left from the vaccines and previous infections fought the omicron variant in a test tube. Because the researchers looked at natural immunity, it’s also not clear whether vaccines would have the same effect.

And antibodies aren’t our only line of defense; Gandhi pointed to several larger studies showing that a long-lasting component of immunity, T-cells, are acquired from the vaccines and past infections.

But this issue of immune imprinting deserves more, bigger, better studies because scientists are still far from understanding the battle between this evolving virus and our immune systems. It’s something that has to be well understood to develop a more effective next generation of vaccines.

Current vaccines are still working at preventing severe disease, however, and that may mean that fully vaccinated and boosted people who get two or three mild infections over a period of years won’t experience the kind of long-term risk faced by the unvaccinated.

Given how terrible the hospital crowding situation got in New York City in 2020, this BA.5 variant might not qualify as the “worst” in everyone’s book. People aren’t dying at the same rate as in 2020, but survivors of that horror have a new concern. And how bad things get depends in part on whether the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the public health community can give people clear, honest guidance.

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Dems blame Biden for own missteps

By Ramesh Ponnuru
Bloomberg Opinion

Democratic discontent with President Joe Biden is boiling over into the press. His polling is abysmal, his age is showing and the Democrats are facing a potential wipeout in November’s midterm elections. Democrats are taking their complaints, mostly off the record, to reporters.

“To many increasingly frustrated Democrats, Biden’s slow-footed response on abortion was just the latest example of a failure to meet the moment on a wave of conservative rollbacks,” the Washington Post recently reported. Democratic commentator Ed Kilgore forecasts that “if things go as badly as expected for Democrats on Nov. 8, many in the party will be quietly and not so quietly urging the 46th president to retire at the end of his term.”

The bad news for Democrats is that Biden is too old and that voters may have concluded he isn’t up to the job. The worse news is that they have deeper troubles.

His win in the Democratic nomination contest in 2020 was a sign of the party’s weakness. Everyone knew the risks of picking a gaffe-prone septuagenarian. But Barack Obama’s presidency had left the Democratic bench thin. The other candidates who seemed capable of winning the primaries, such as Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, looked like riskier bets for the November election. Even today, it’s not obvious how Democrats could nominate someone stronger than Biden in 2024. Vice President Kamala Harris registers even lower approval in polls.

Inflation is eating away at Democrats just as it is at purchasing power. Would it be any lower if one of Biden’s 2020 Democratic rivals had won? It’s more plausible that the giant government spending initiatives favored by Sanders would have pushed it higher. Biden started his presidency with the view that he needed to go big on spending to avoid Obama’s alleged error of providing too little fiscal stimulus to the economy. In retrospect, that judgment was mistaken. At the time, though, most Democrats held it.

Biden has always been close to the center of his party. Unsurprisingly, then,



Democratic discontent with President Joe Biden is widespread, according to Bloomberg’s Ramesh Ponnuru. **EVAN VUCCI/AP**

the basic political mistakes of his presidency have been party-wide. Expectations of liberal policy gains rose too high after January 2021, when Democrats gained control of the Senate by the narrowest possible margin. Biden and his team did too little to manage those expectations, but they didn’t produce them in the first place — and there were more Democrats urging boldness than realism.

Democrats generally, not just Biden, wrongly assumed that accusing Republicans of backing a new version of Jim Crow would put pressure on them to acquiesce to Democrats’ ideas about election law. Few voices in the party warned the White House and congressional Democrats that it made no sense to spend months trying to enact a grab-bag of spending proposals with no sellable rationale.

Liberal frustration at Biden over abortion is especially misplaced. Maybe the administration should have had its executive order ready for the day the Supreme

Court discarded its 1973 abortion-rights precedent instead of waiting two weeks. But any order would have been underwhelming: There is almost nothing a president can do on his own to replicate the broad right established by Roe v. Wade. There’s little he can do about it with a narrow congressional majority, either. That’s why progressives have been so adamant about keeping Roe.

Democrats would almost certainly be in better political shape on the issue, and better able to defend the core abortion right, if they moderated their position. They could have pushed for legislation with the backing of every senator who favors Roe, for example, instead of trying for more. Again, though, this isn’t a Biden-specific problem. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York is no more willing than the president to break with the abortion maximalists.

A recent gaffe by first lady Jill Biden offers an illustration in miniature of the

party’s current plight. She stepped into the guacamole by saying Hispanics are as diverse as breakfast tacos. That’s on the White House. But it probably hurts Democrats more that it has embraced the bizarre linguistic fetishes of a narrow activist class by associating with a “LatinX IncluXion Luncheon” in the first place.

Dana Milbank, a liberal columnist for the Washington Post, is defending Biden from progressives’ sniping. The president is saying and doing nearly everything they want, Milbank points out, without seeing that maybe that’s part of what’s gone wrong. Democrats, he says, should train their fire on the real culprits: Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and a “broken political system” that won’t yield the results contemporary progressives want.

Biden is a problem for the Democrats. But they’re a bigger problem for him.

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Traveling to see America in person is also to give hope to America



Ross Douthat

BIGFORK, Mont. — I’m writing these words early in a darkened motel room, 2,460 miles from home, eight hours east of Seattle and 45 minutes south of Glacier National Park. Around me five other people are still asleep: My wife and four children, crowded onto queen-size beds, an air mattress and a pack-and-play. These have been our conditions for the last 16 nights, which we have spent claiming an important American birthright: The westward migration via minivan, the great cross-country drive.

In “The Hunt for Red October,” that classic of late-Cold War Americana, one of the defecting Soviet submarine officers, played by Sam Neill, rhapsodizes about his future as a free American — living in Montana with a pickup truck or “possibly even a ‘recreational vehicle,’” and driving “from state to state” with “no papers.” Late in the movie, the character takes a bullet, and dying, murmurs: “I would like to have seen Montana.”

Whatever defects exist in our child rearing, our children have now at least seen Montana — and before that, Wyoming, South Dakota, Minnesota and so backward through the Midwest to our distant hobbit homeland of Connecticut. By the time you read this, assuming I’m not recruited into

a survivalist group somewhere north of Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, they will have seen that state and Washington as well.

More specifically, they’ve seen the Pittsburgh Zoo and the golden dome at Notre Dame (in a leg-stretching 15-minute stop), looked down at Chicago from atop a skyscraper and dunked their feet in Lake Michigan. They’ve lost hours in a Minnesota water park, wandered the prairie where Laura Ingalls Wilder lived in the later “Little House” books, seen Mount Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial, baked in the Badlands and dodged lightning around Devil’s Tower, bathed in hot springs and dug for dinosaur bones in Thermopolis, Wyoming, observed geysers and grizzlies in Yellowstone and a particularly insouciant beaver in Glacier National Park, and stared goggle-eyed at the prices of homes in Bozeman, Montana.

OK, that last one was actually their parents; the kids were busy with overpriced burgers while we contemplated the moneyed influx into “Boz Angeles.” Like a good newspaperman, I’ve tried to gather string for columns on this trip, and questions of migration, density and development loom large when you traverse the (arguably) underpeopled West — as large as the billboard greeting visitors to Cody, Wyoming, reading “Don’t California Our Cody.”

But with our journey still unfinished, I want to venture two general observations

about America at scale. — maybe banal ones, but I’ll take that risk.

The first is a sense of wonder at the uncrowded availability of sights and spectacles on the Western roads. I’ve read all the stories about surging American travel and overcrowded national parks, but the only real bottleneck we encountered was at Glacier, where the high roads were closed by snow and everyone was pushed onto the same few trails. And every place we stopped with one degree less fame than the big national parks — like South Dakota’s gorgeous Custer State Park or the hot springs of Thermopolis — was extraordinarily empty. There were probably 20 people under the wild, impossible shadow of Devil’s Tower the evening we went up.

Available doesn’t mean perfectly accessible, obviously: Even crowded into motel rooms, we’ve dropped a pretty penny just on gas alone, and day after day of multi-hour drives spent trying to teach the kids the U.S. presidents (we’ve stalled after Lincoln, predictably) and realizing that the 2-year-old knows some of the inappropriate parts of “Hamilton” is not an experience for everyone. But if you’re accustomed to the crowded spaces on the coasts, you should know that it really does all melt away — and not just into cornfields or pastureland or desert, but into a landscape filled with places that are made for travelers, that offer immediate rewards to even the most casual visitor.

This connects to the second observation, which is just the intense difference between America experienced as a geographic entity, a continental empire, and America experienced as a virtual landscape, via the screens and apps through which we increasingly encounter one another.

The comparison does not reflect well on the virtual America, which feels crowded and exhausting, 1,000-odd people screaming at one another in a medium-size hotel ballroom. I don’t want to say that crossing the physical America exposes the online version as “unreal,” since online life is quite real in its own way, and our national parks and roadside attractions aren’t the places where most Americans live their daily lives.

But the state-to-state spaciousness of this country, its complexity and diversity and simple wildness, still feels like a potential asset to be set against the claustrophobia of small-screen politics and culture wars — a release valve that not every divided society enjoys, a means of escape and reinvention that the internet constrains but, as yet, has not eliminated.

Seeing America gives you hope for America. Now if you’ll excuse me, I have eight more hours in a crowded minivan ahead.

Douthat is a columnist for The New York Times.





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Carolyn Goodwin, center, an instructor at the Jazz Camp for Girls, leads a practice June 27 in Copenhagen, Denmark. BETINA GARCIA/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

Finding their *rhythm*

Girls are outnumbered in jazz; but at this summer camp, they run the show

By Lisa Abend | The New York Times

On a morning in late June, 16 girls arrived at an urban courtyard for the timeless summer ritual of camp drop-off. Some came clutching their parents’ hands; others raced ahead to greet old friends. One young teenager with strawberry-blond curls, who had come because her working parents told her she couldn’t sit home alone all day, stood nervously waiting for things to get underway. But it wasn’t long before the 13-year-old happily joined an ice-breaking game. “Hi, my name is Anna,” she chanted, as she clapped out a rhythm that the others repeated back to her: “Ba-BAH-ba-ba-BAH.”

The campers, who ranged in age from 9 to 15, had just gotten their first lesson in jazz. Over the next four days, they would learn about the genre’s distinctive rhythms and melodies, and try their hands at improvising on a number of different instruments. But perhaps the most important lesson for the students at the Jazz Camp for Girls is that there is a place for them in jazz at all.

Plenty of art forms have a gender imbalance. But in jazz — where men heavily dominate the industry’s production, consumption and education — the inequality is especially pronounced. From 2007 to 2018, women musicians led or shared the lead on less than 20% or so of the 50 best albums in the NPR Jazz Critics Poll. One recent study found that just 4% of notable jazz musicians in Britain are women. And even in supposedly egalitarian Denmark, the proportions have been thoroughly uneven; a 2012 report found that women made up only 20% of the rhythmic music industry there.

“It was a shock,” said Agnete Seerup, deputy director of JazzDanmark, an organization that co-founded the girls’ camp in 2014 in response to that study, and today oversees the program alone. “So we created the project to encourage more girls to play rhythmic instruments. And hopefully change the gender balance down the road.”

Jazz musician Johanna Sulkunen was thinking of the effects of that

imbalance when she enrolled her daughter Alma in the Copenhagen camp. “You’re not taken seriously,” she explained. “You don’t get solos. You’re not seen as a musician.” Saying goodbye to Alma, who is so small that she has to rest the bottom of her saxophone on a stool when she plays, Sulkunen said she hoped things would be easier for the 9-year-old. “I really hope that for her, it can just be about the joy of making music.”

This year’s camp was held in 11 cities across Denmark from June 27 to June 30. Grouped into eight-person bands, the girls were taught by instructors who are also working musicians. The four days culminated with a concert for family and friends.

On the first day of the Copenhagen camp, held at the Rytmsk Center music school, the girls gravitated to instruments they knew — Lola Engell, a 10-year-old in a Rolling Stones T-shirt, tapped out a beat on drums while Flora Aaris-Hoeg, 11, strapped on an electric bass. Jazz Camp focuses on rhythmic instruments to counteract the historical relegation of women in jazz to singing, which was often cast as “entertainment” rather than the serious art practiced by men. And the camp makes a point of moving the girls through a number of instruments.

“Rotation is a big part of what we do,” said Cecilie Strange, an instructor and saxophonist. “We’ve had girls who have never sat behind a drum set, and when you ask them to play it, some of



Alma Elsa Olivia Sulkunen is a 9-year-old saxophonist at the Jazz Camp for Girls.

them will be like, ‘I don’t think so.’ But it’s really important to get everyone to try everything. And sometimes you see really fast that a girl has a knack for an instrument she had never tried before.”

The emphasis on rotation is also intended to help the girls overcome the self-consciousness that sometimes limits them. “Girls naturally have almost the same interest in the instruments as boys,” Strange said. “But they need more control: They worry about how they look and don’t want to make mistakes. That can be a barrier.”

Flora, the 11-year-old whose first instrument is bass, said she liked not having boys around: “It just makes you more comfortable.”

Encouraging the girls to improvise — there is no sheet music at the camp — builds confidence while also introducing an important aspect of jazz performance. Strange taught the girls to play a few classics from the jazz repertoire, like Sonny Rollins’ “Sonn-

ymoon for Two,” but the camp’s other instructor, saxophonist and composer Carolyn Goodwin, took the girls in a more experimental direction. “I want these girls to feel like even if they don’t identify with the traditional approach, that they can still find themselves in the music in another way,” she said.

On the camp’s second day, Goodwin got the girls started on their own improvisation by playing a selection from “Zodiac Suite,” and asking if anyone could name the composer. When none of the campers raised her hand, Goodwin told them that women composers were part of jazz’s story even if they weren’t well known. “This one is by Mary Lou Williams,” she said. “Can you say her name?”

Viola Sisseck Rabenhøj, 10, had a knack for composition; even before camp, she and her fellow camper Alma had written a piece about Alma’s pet hamster, Vinny. Now, Goodwin took a melody that Viola had created, and asked the girls to follow Williams’ example and riff around a Zodiac sign both by playing and by writing a short text. They later put the elements together into a song with spoken-word lyrics. Practicing it on the final day of camp, Aya Knudsen Rein worked a flourish into her drum solo, then smiled proudly.

For the first time this year, Jazz Camp for Girls will also be held in Finland, Poland and Sweden. But for all their anecdotal success, the programs still have some ways to go before their impact is measurable. Last year, JazzDanmark studied why the needle hadn’t moved much on the 80/20 gender distribution. “We found out that private networks really matter in jazz,” Seerup said. “Many jobs in the music industry are given out one night at a bar, and if you’re not part of that private network, you’re less likely to get one. What we’re focusing on now is creating strong relations between girls now, so they might become networks later.”

EX-ETIQUETTE

Think about the children when paying child support

By Jann Blackstone
Tribune News Service

Q: The pandemic affected my income and although I can still afford my child support, it makes me furious that my ex is using it for her rent and a car instead of things for the kids. I give my children's mother thousands of dollars a month and I pick up my oldest son in holey jeans and a faded sweat-shirt. How do I get her to do

what's right? What's good ex-etiquette?

A: Oh my, so many RED flags. Bright red. Really red. Here's why:

1. “How do I get ...” translates to, “How do I make my ex do what I want?” You can’t. You can only control yourself and how you act. Start there. Set a kind positive example, and that’s what you will get in return. “Ask and listen” is a better philosophy than “How do I get?”

2. You can’t judge a book by its cover. If your kids are at all fashion conscious, they will tell you holey jeans and faded sweat-shirts may be quite a bit more expensive than dark jeans without holes and a brightly colored sweatshirt. Depends on the label. And have you priced out tennis shoes lately?

3. Rent IS for the kids. It may be the difference between everyone crowded into a studio apartment or a

three-bedroom home. Cars are also for the kids. They are used to get to work so she can contribute, get the kids to school and take them to extracurricular activities. On face value, the things you are upset about are not taking advantage. They are life.

I will bet you envision your co-parent spending the money on lavish things. In your mind, you see them in a new car or a bigger house, and that gets your



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blood boiling. Instead of that, envision your child smiling, possibly playing the sport they like to play. Envision them happy and

enjoying life and see if you still resent paying child support. It’s for your children. That’s good ex-etiquette.

Our children need for us to do better


Heidi Stevens
Balancing Act

“The sound of children screaming has been removed.”

It was an editor’s note attached to a video, published by the Austin American-Statesman, of Uvalde, Texas, police officers’ delayed response during the Robb Elementary School shooting that killed 19 children and two teachers.

It feels, this summer, like our national motto.

The sound of children screaming has been removed ... from the conscience of the 169 lawmakers who just voted against the Active Shooter Alert Act, a bipartisan bill enacting an Amber-Alert-like system to notify the public when an active shooter is in their community. (The bill passed anyway.)

The sound of children screaming has been removed ... from the hearts of gun lobbyists who continue to insist the only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun, despite bloody incident after bloody incident where an armed bad guy evades dozens upon dozens of armed good guys.

The sound of children screaming has been removed ... from too much of our public discourse around gun violence in disinvested neighborhoods, as though the frequency of trauma lessens the obscenity of it.

Shortly after a gunman opened fire on a Fourth of July parade in Highland Park, Illinois, killing seven people and terrorizing an untold number of others, the Washington Post published a story headlined “With little outcry,



Mourners visit a memorial for the victims of a mass shooting May 26 in Uvalde, Texas. **WALLY SKALIJ/LOS ANGELES TIMES**

Chicago’s bloody weekend eclipsed Highland Park toll.”

“They have a lot of resources there in Highland Park,” Bobbie Brown, 62, of Chicago’s Englewood neighborhood, told reporter Robert Klemko. “Ain’t that something? Our babies see people get shot while they’re at a playground, and there’s no counseling. They have to suck it up and deal with it.”

The answer, of course, should never be fewer resources — in Highland Park or Chicago or Uvalde or any other community torn apart by violence.

The answer should be a recognition that an outpouring of support — emotional and financial support, counselors rushing to help, vigils and memorials dotting the broken landscape — is

exactly what a community needs and deserves: to heal, to remember, to hope, to be reminded that humanity’s capacity for love and light and resilience will always outlast its capacity to harm.

And then, after that recognition, a plan to more evenly distribute that support. So no child has to suck it up and deal with it.

The sound of children screaming has been removed ... from the minds of the callous doubters who disputed a story about a 10-year-old girl becoming pregnant after she was raped — a story President Joe Biden told during the signing of an executive order on abortion access in early July. Abortion foes and conservative media, including the Wall Street Journal’s editorial page, implied the story was made up, only to walk back their

doubts after a 27-year-old man was arrested in the case.

It’s hard to summarize the turn of events more succinctly than Jezebel reporter Laura Bassett, who wrote: “It’s a story that anti-abortion folks don’t want to believe because it’s really tough to defend a Supreme Court decision and subsequent state law that would force a 10-year-old girl to give birth to her rapist’s child, but these things nonetheless happen. And they will happen more now that states have been given the green light to impose their leaders’ religious beliefs on people’s basic health care.”

Or, as New York Magazine senior correspondent Irin Carmon tweeted: “This Ohio tragedy is, among many other things, a lesson that there is no account

way into the classroom, the repeated sound of gunfire, and then the delay by police to stop the killer for 77 minutes as dozens of heavily armed officers stage in the school hallway before a group finally storms the classroom and kill the gunman,” the newspaper’s executive editor, Manny Garcia, wrote in a note to readers.

“We are also publishing the entire video for those who want to see what we obtained,” he continued. “In both videos we blurred the identity of a child who exits a restroom as the shooter approaches the classroom. The child runs back to the restroom to hide and was later rescued. We also have removed the sound of children screaming as the gunman enters the classroom. We consider this too graphic.”

I agree. My revulsion at the editor’s note (and how many ways in which it can be applied) has nothing to do with the editors’ decision. It has everything to do with how often children are sent screaming in this country — and how little interest our policymakers appear to have in acknowledging this tragic fact, let alone changing it.

“We have to bear witness to history,” Garcia wrote in his note to readers, “and transparency with unrelenting reporting is a way to bring change.”

So is unrelenting voting. And advocating. And pushing ourselves and our leaders to be honest and be better.

It’s tempting to look away. To cover our ears and avert our gaze and harden our hearts. But we’re better than that. We have to be. Our children need us to be.

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Spielberg directs first music video

From news services

Steven Spielberg is the most commercially successful director of all time, drawing fame, acclaim and three Oscars for his work on high-profile feature films. But three-minute music videos shot on a cellphone?

The director will make his music video debut with “Cannibal,” the new single from Marcus Mumford. The Mumford and Sons lead singer confirmed the news on Twitter and Instagram, sharing a photo of the director, 75, sitting in a rolling chair anchored by his wife, Kate Capshaw, and training his phone on the singer.

“On Sunday 3rd July in a high school gym in New York, Steven Spielberg directed his first music video, in one shot, on his phone,” Mumford wrote in a Twitter thread. “Kate Capshaw was the almighty dolly grip.”

“I’ve been overwhelmed by the support of the people around me to bring this music to you, and I cannot hope to express all of my gratitude,” he added. “When people get it, it blows my mind. Kate and Steven just got it, and I cannot thank them enough.”

There was no word yet on when the video will be released. Mumford is set to drop his solo album, “Self-Titled,” on Sept. 16.

Murphy to star in holiday comedy: Award-winning actor and comedian Eddie Murphy is set to star in and produce “Candy Cane Lane,” a new holiday comedy for Amazon Prime Video. Reginald Hudlin will direct the film, from a screenplay written by Kelly Younger. Plot details are being kept under wraps, and production will begin this winter in Los Angeles.

The new project is the first film in Murphy’s deal



Steven Spielberg, seen April 21, directed the music video for Marcus Mumford’s single “Cannibal.” **CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP**

with Amazon Studios, which the parties formalized in 2021 following the successful launch of “Coming 2 America” on the streaming service.

No charges for ‘Late Show’ crew arrested on Capitol Hill: Federal prosecutors said Monday they have declined to bring charges against nine people associated with CBS’ “Late Show with Stephen Colbert” who were arrested in a building in the U.S. Capitol complex last month.

The decision, made by the U.S. attorney’s office in Washington, comes after prosecutors determined they “cannot move forward” with the misdemeanor charges against the nine people arrested June 16 in the Longworth House Office Building.

A spokesman for the U.S. attorney’s office said it was not probable a conviction could be obtained and sustained given that the

nine arrested had been invited and that their escorts had never asked them to leave the building.

Though Capitol Police have refused to provide the names of those arrested, a person familiar with the matter provided a list of people who had been stopped. They included several producers, along with actor Robert Smigel, the voice behind Triumph the Insult Comic Dog. Capitol Police officials said Monday they respect the decision made by the U.S. attorney’s office.

July 20 birthdays: Singer Kim Carnes is 77. Guitarist Carlos Santana is 75. Actor Dean Cain is 58. Guitarist Stone Gossard is 56. Actor Josh Holloway is 53. Actor Sandra Oh is 51. Actor Omar Epps is 49. Actor Judy Greer is 47. Model Gisele Bündchen is 42. Actor John Francis Daley is 37. Dancer Julianne Hough is 34.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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Mom, daughter want to move to own place

Dear Amy: I’m a 33-year-old woman. My daughter is 11. She and I live with my parents.

My parents own the house, and I pay them rent each month.

Both of my parents are in their early 70s. My father works part time.

They don’t seem to need the extra money that my rent provides (they are always buying new games and gadgets for themselves).

I want to have my own life. I want to move into my own apartment with my daughter.

I searched for apartments, made a budget and I even concluded that I would continue to pay my parents the rent money I currently pay, so they wouldn’t be without that income.

When I told my parents of my plan to move out, they gave me this story about how sad they would be, and how they feel like I’m abandoning them at their time of need.

I don’t supply anything but money. I don’t take them to doctor appointments or the grocery store.

I’m usually at work during the day. My mom home-schools my daughter, and I wasn’t planning to change that.

I just have a need for my own place. How can I help my parents to be more comfortable with this?

— *Mother/Daughter*

Dear Mother/Daughter: Your parents have a considerable attachment and emotional stake in you and your daughter.

That’s how parents and grandparents roll! It’s not just about the rent money you pay to them. They are

attached to you. Their lifetime investment is in you.

And just as parents sometimes give their children a gentle nudge out of the nest, you are going to go through a reverse of that process.

Offer your gratitude: “We could not have gotten this far without you.”

Offer an affirmation of their feelings: “I know this will be an adjustment for all of us. I’m going to miss you, too.”

Offer lots of reassurance: “We’ll still see you almost every day, and I’ll always be there if you need me, just as you’ve always been there for me.”

And then — make your plan, don’t let them manipulate you, and start the next chapter of your life.

Dear Amy: I have a long-term friend (for over 45 years) who adopted a wonderful, sweet, adorable shelter dog at the beginning of the pandemic. However, over the past two years, her laser focus on this dog has become a rapidly growing problem which borders on obsession!

It’s fine if she wants to spend lots of her time and money on the dog, but every conversation starts with a story about what the dog has done, how no one can take care of the dog to her standards.

If one is having a serious conversation with her and the dog does something “interesting,” she will literally interrupt the conversation to talk about the dog.

I love this dog, too, but her focus on her pooch makes me not want to be around her or the dog.

How can I help her understand that her lack

of self-awareness is a problem that is affecting not just our friendship, but her friendships with many other people? I care a lot about her, which is why I want to see if there is a way to bring this issue to light without hurting her feelings.

— *Doggone Frustrated*

Dear Frustrated: Repeat after me: “I care about you. I also care about your dog. But this relationship is now dominating your life, and I am feeling dismissed and neglected. Your lack of self-awareness has become a problem that is affecting our friendship.”

My point is that you already know what you need to say. Speak for yourself (not other people), and understand that delivering this truth might upset her.

Very long friendships can survive the occasional truthful course correction.

Dear Amy: “Past Completed” reported that three bullies from her past reached out to her for forgiveness.

In your response, you mentioned that you believed the pandemic had caused many people to reflect on their actions.

It occurs to me that a lot of people are using the pandemic as an excuse for all sorts of things.

How long do you think this will continue?

— *Wondering*

Dear Wondering: I plan to keep it up as long as possible.

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Bye-bye mystery. McLean spills secrets of ‘American Pie’ in doc.

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

Don McLean has listened for decades as people belted out his song “American Pie” at last call or at karaoke — and applauds you for the effort.

“I’ve heard whole bars burst into this song when I’ve been across the room,” McLean said in a recent interview. “And they’re so happy singing it that I realized, ‘You don’t really have to worry about how well you sing this song anymore. Even sung badly, people are really happy with it.’”

Happy might be a bit of an understatement. “American Pie” is considered a masterpiece, voted among the top five Songs of the Century compiled by the Recording Industry Association of America and the National Endowment for the Arts.

McLean — and his singular tune — are now the subject of a full-length feature documentary, “The Day the Music Died: The Story of Don McLean’s ‘American Pie,’” now streaming on Paramount+.

It’s mandatory viewing for McLean fans or anyone who has marveled at his sonic treasure. It also represents an elegant film blueprint for future deep dives into a song and its wider cultural relevance.

For those fans who have wondered about the lyrics they are singing in bars and cars, McLean shares the secrets. “That was the fun of writing the song,” he said in the interview. “I was up at night, smiling and thinking about what I’m going to do with this.”

The documentary starts when a single-engine plane carrying Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and Jiles P. Richardson, the “Big Bopper,” plunged into a cornfield north of Clear Lake, Iowa, on Feb. 3, 1959, killing the three stars and their pilot.



Don McLean discusses “American Pie” and the meaning of his song’s lyrics in a new documentary. **CHARLES SYKES/AP 2019**

McLean was 13, living in New Rochelle, New York, when the crash occurred. “I was in absolute shock. I may have actually cried,” he says of Holly’s death in the film. “You can’t intellectualize it. It hurt me.”

Years later, McLean would plumb that pain in “American Pie,” baking in his own grief at his father’s passing and writing an eulogy for the American dream. He was creating his second album in 1971 while the nation was racked by assassinations, anti-war protests and civil right marches. He thought he “needed a big song about America.” The first verse and melody seemed to just tumble out. “A long, long, time ago ...”

It climaxed in the huge singalong chorus: “We were singin’, ‘Bye-bye, Miss American pie’/ Drove my Chevy to the levee, but the levee was dry/ Them good old boys were drinkin’ whiskey ‘n rye/ And singin’, ‘This’ll be the day that I die.’”

“I said, ‘Wow, that is something,’ I don’t know what it is, but it’s exactly what I’ve been wanting to try to get ahold of — that feeling about Buddy Holly — for all these years and that plane crash,” McLean said in the recent interview. “I always feel a

tug inside me whenever I think about Buddy.”

The 90-minute documentary incorporates news footage of the ’70s and uses actors in re-creations. Cameras capture McLean visiting the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, where Holly and his fellow musicians played before their fatal flight.

“(McLean) was glad to open up because he and his manager thought it was the time to do it and this was the platform to do it in,” says music producer and songwriter Spencer Proffer, CEO of media production company Meteor 17, which helped make the film. “My hat’s off to Don for writing something this magnificent. My job was to bring it to life.”

There are also interviews with musicians — Garth Brooks, “Weird Al” Yankovich and Brian Wilson, among them — as well as Valens’ sister, Connie, and actor Peter Gallagher, whose character’s death on “Zoey’s Extraordinary Playlist” preceded an on-screen performance of “American Pie.” The British singer Jade Bird, Cuban-born producer Rudy Perez and Spanish-language singer Jencarlos Canela speak to how the song has resonated far past America.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): There’s a chance you could do something that you wouldn’t have done if you’d had the time to consider your actions. Your mind may be blowing things out of proportion by overthinking your actions after the fact.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You might have completed something in a rush and missed a step, or in your haste forgotten to reply to someone’s important email. Remind yourself that everyone makes mistakes. As long as you didn’t do it intentionally, you don’t have to feel bad. Just make a mental note to remember next time.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You may end up in a discussion opposing a few other people, one in which your determination stops you from backing down at all. Avoid going overboard when arguing your side. You might overthink this debate later, but try not to hyperfocus on it. What’s said is said.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Someone could accuse you of not being genuine today. Something you do may have been perceived as fake or flattering, even if your intentions were true. Stand by your intentions and don’t let them get the better of you. You don’t have to fit yourself into the picture they’ve painted.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Despite your attempts to show someone a new skill or something interesting you’ve acquired, they might seem uninterested in what you’re presenting. Not everyone will appreciate the same things as you. Your fans are out there. You just have to be willing to look for them.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Gossip may not be in your favor today. Sharing dramatic stories isn’t going to go well. You might want to keep conversations away from any savory facts about people you know. As for gossip about you, you can try to stop it, but the important thing is that you know what’s true about yourself.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Conflict with a peer may affect your current reputation. Some people could be taking their side, while others take yours. There could be nothing you can do to stop others from gravitating to one of the two of you. Ultimately, you can’t control other people’s actions, only your own.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An individual who frustrates you might be unavoidable now. You may be forced to work or spend time with this person, despite your best efforts to stay away. Find some common ground with them. Doing so should help you lessen the rift between the two of you just a little.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Loyalty could be called into question at any moment. Someone you trust may begin to turn away from you. This doesn’t have to turn into a situation where you become enemies, but you may not be able to keep this person as close as before.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone may try to alter your behavior today. They could be doing this for your benefit, or they may simply want you to fit into a role that they find more convenient. If you’re not comfortable, then you don’t have to do it. Only you can decide where your life’s trajectory should be pointed.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Unhelpful communication habits could be holding you back at the moment. You may have ghosted a friend in the past, or you rarely reach out to them. Now that particular person could be unwilling to reconnect. Go forward with more intentionality in your relationships.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): If you’ve fallen out of practice with an activity, you might be disappointed by your lack of current prowess. Instead of giving up on this hobby you used to love, see if you can’t build yourself back up to your former glory. There’s a good chance that you can practice and do it again.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On July 20, 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for a fourth term of office at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

In 1951, Jordan’s King

Abdullah I was assassinated in Jerusalem by a Palestinian gunman who was shot dead on the spot by security.

In 1976, America’s Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

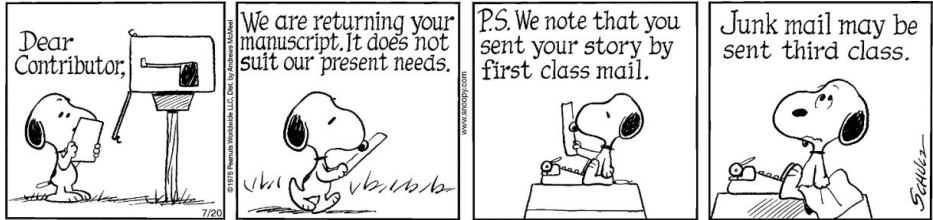
In 1977, a flash flood hit Johnstown, Pennsylvania, killing more than 80 people and causing \$350

million worth of damage.

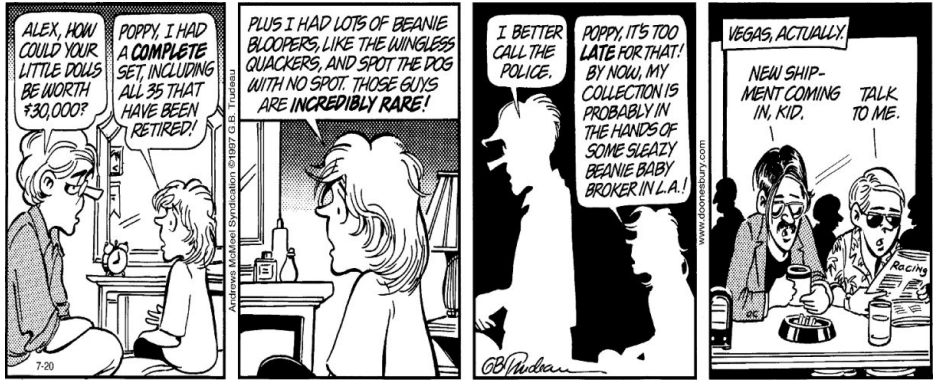
In 1990, Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, one of the court’s most liberal voices, announced he was stepping down.

In 2010, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted almost totally along party lines, 13-6, to approve Elena Kagan to be the Supreme Court’s fourth female justice.

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz



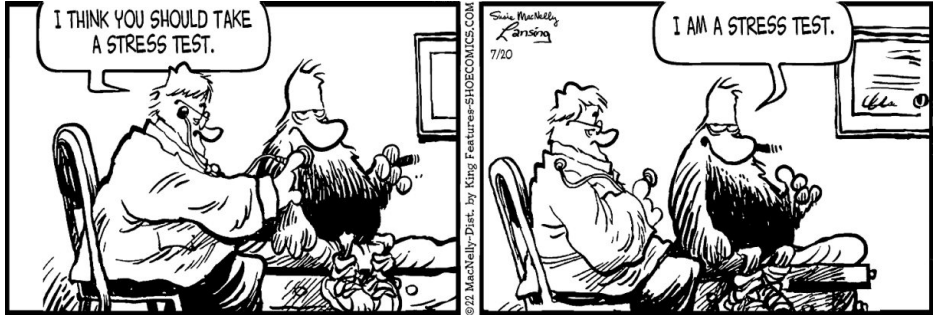
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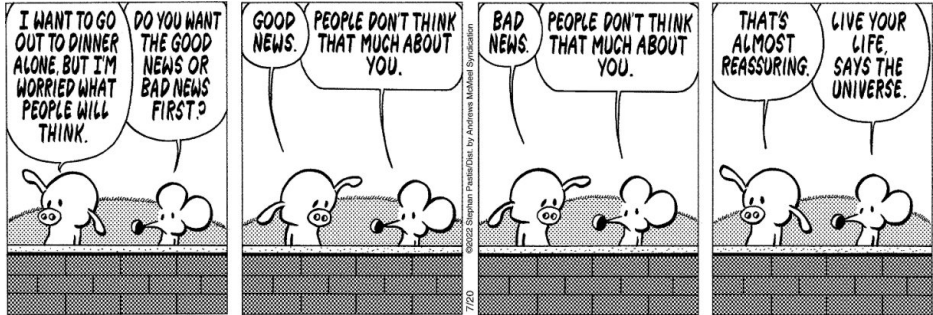
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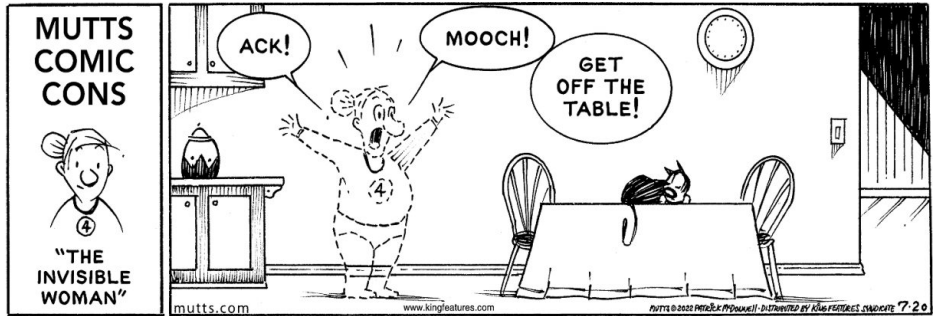
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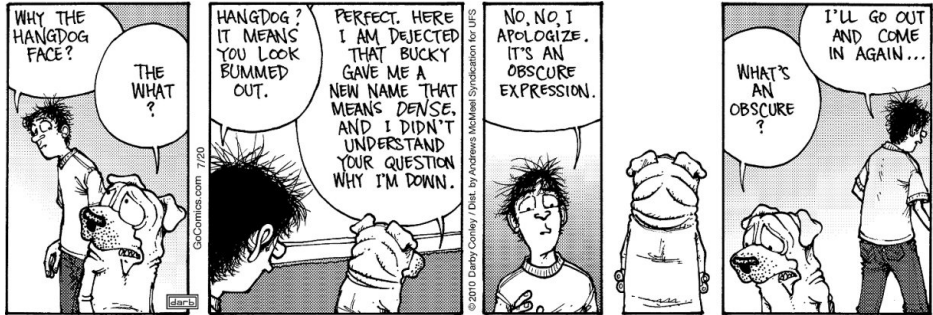
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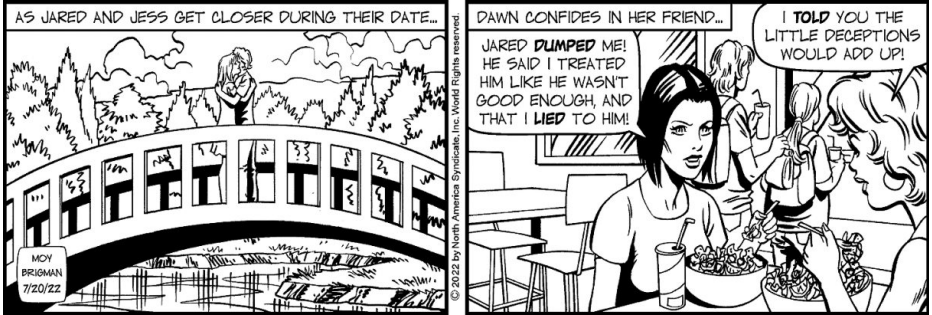
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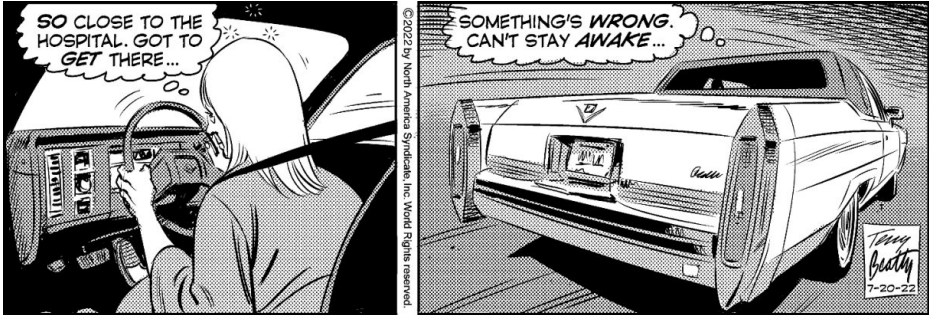
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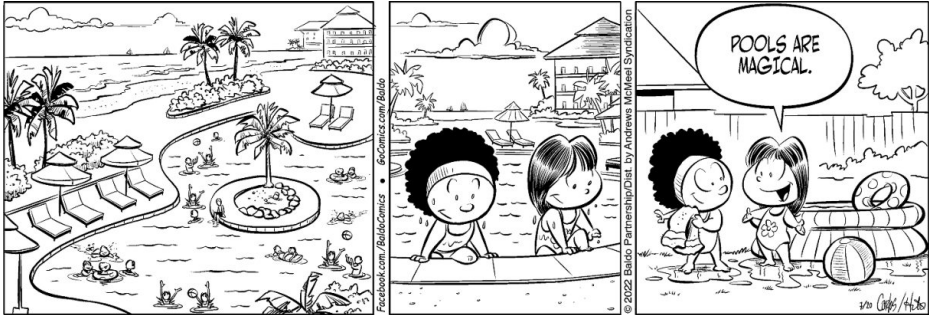
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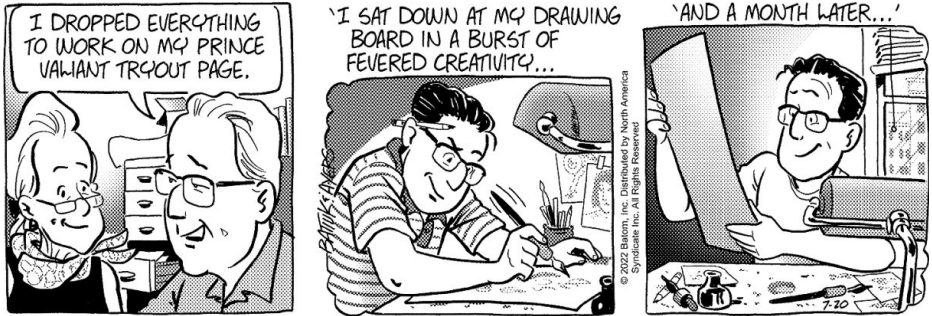
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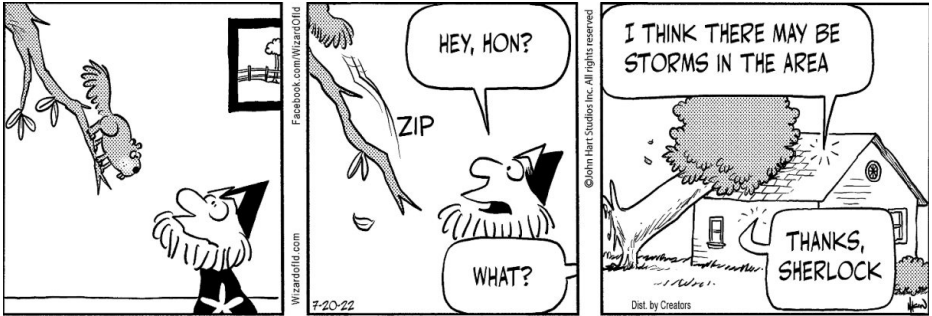
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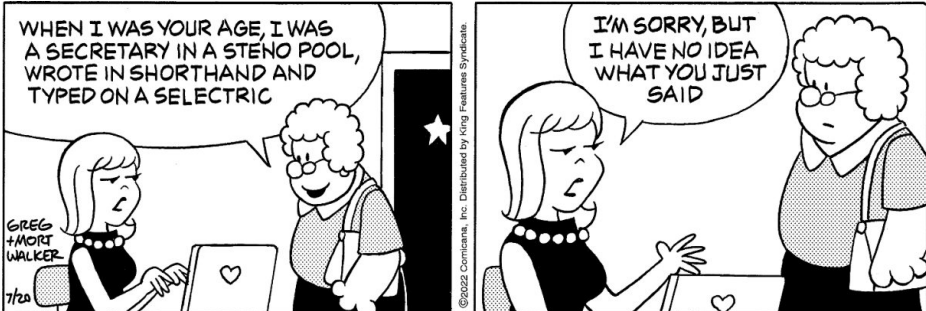
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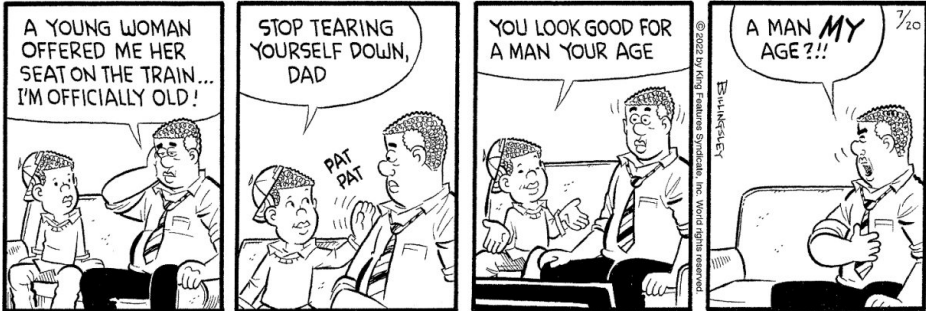
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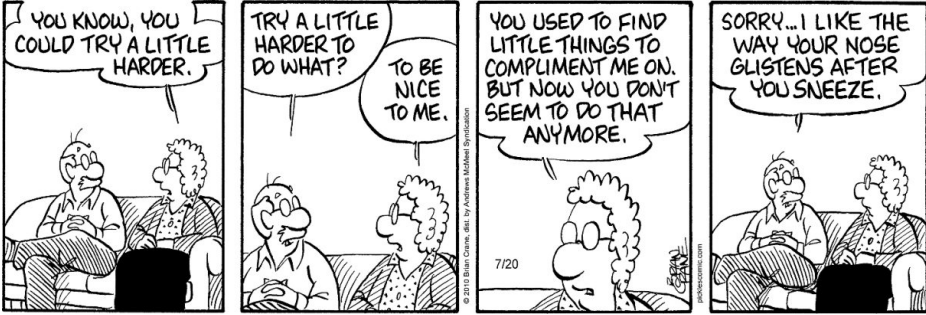
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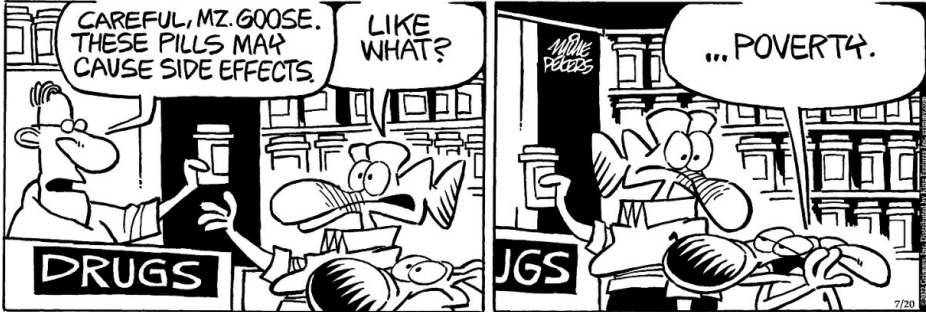
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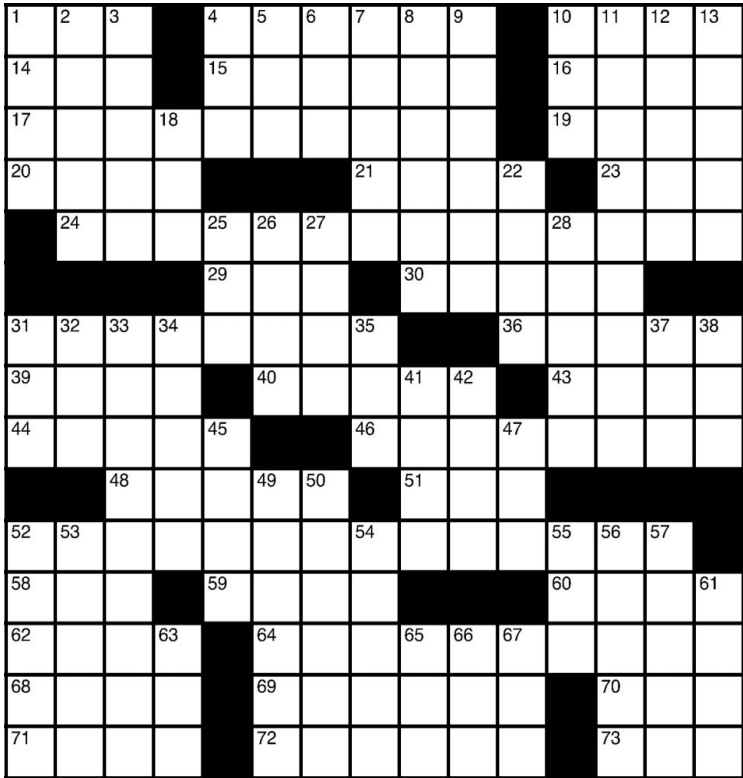
Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



CROSSWORD

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- Across**
- 1 Paul of guitar fame
 - 4 Old manuscript artisan
 - 10 Doesn't sit on
 - 14 Shuttletcock's path
 - 15 BabyGap buy
 - 16 Order
 - 17 Religious figure known as the "Queen of Heaven"
 - 19 Fashion journalist Garcia
 - 20 Trick
 - 21 Small matter
 - 23 Gorp morsel
 - 24 Novelist known as the "Queen of Crime"
 - 29 Battery size
 - 30 River to the English Channel
 - 31 Military division known as the "Queen of Battle"
 - 36 Frontera condiment
 - 39 New Mexico art community
 - 40 Gushes
 - 43 Mosque prayer leader
 - 44 Quick messages
 - 46 Field of study known as the "Queen of the Sciences"
 - 48 Smiles
 - 51 Tax-deferred nest egg, briefly
 - 52 Singer known as the "Queen of Jazz"
 - 58 Murmur
 - 59 Pacific Islands staple
 - 60 Spiffy
- Down**
- 1 WCs
 - 2 Gospel singer Campbell
 - 3 Skinny sort
 - 4 "___ hear"
 - 5 "Fareed Zakaria GPS" network
 - 6 Sleep acronym
 - 7 Oscar of 2021's "Dune"
 - 8 Some overnight deliveries?
 - 9 Fictional donkey
 - 10 Samovar
 - 11 Patron of sailors
 - 12 Blasé feeling
 - 13 Stingray kin
 - 18 Early show since 1975, briefly
 - 22 Nintendo Switch avatars
 - 25 Do something to hide?
 - 26 Metaphor for roles
 - 27 Org. with driver safety courses
 - 28 SpongeBob's pet Gary, for one
 - 31 Hairy Addams cousin
 - 32 "Sorry, lassie"
 - 33 Plants with purple bell-shaped flowers
 - 34 Latin stars
 - 35 Though
 - 37 Droop
 - 38 "Jeopardy!" champion
 - 41 Early Democrat's adversary
 - 42 Bone-dry
 - 45 Sort (through)
 - 47 Stick in the water?
 - 49 B complex vitamin
 - 50 Long step
 - 52 Big fanfare
 - 53 France's longest river
 - 54 Districts
 - 55 Journalist Curry
 - 56 Like salad greens
 - 57 So last year
 - 61 Gets even?
 - 63 Sup
 - 65 Roomba rider, in some viral videos
 - 66 Brooklyn suffix
 - 67 Nancy Drew's beau Nickerson



By Dan Caprera

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 10 5 4 2
♥ A 10 6
♦ K J 3
♣ 8 6 3

WEST

♦ Q 8
♥ 8 7 5 4 3
♦ 6
♠ A K J 5 2

EAST

♠ K J 9 6 3
♥ —
♦ 9 8 7 4 2
♣ 10 7 4

SOUTH

♥ A 7
♦ K Q J 9 2
♠ A Q 10 5
♣ Q 9

The bidding:

South West North East
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
4 ♥

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Heads I win, tails you lose

It goes without saying that a declarer should avoid making plays that can lose but never gain.

Conversely, declarer should always be on the lookout for plays that can gain but cannot lose. This principle is surely not debatable, but its application in a given situation is not always easy to spot.

Consider this deal where South was in four hearts. West led the K-A of clubs and continued with the jack. Declarer ruffed and led a trump to the ace, discovering to his horror that West had all five missing trumps.

South did the best he could by abandoning further trump leads and playing diamonds instead. But West ruffed the second diamond and returned a trump, and South later lost a spade trick to go down one. It is true that when five cards of a suit are missing, they will divide 5-0 only 4% of the time.

So to that extent, South was unlucky. Nevertheless, the fact remains that he made an error in the play, and the gods saw fit to punish him for it.

Had South been a member of the school that always asks at the start of play "What can defeat me?" he might have found the way to safeguard his contract.

He would have realized, when West continued with a club at trick three, that only a 5-0 trump break could defeat him.

Then, in order to protect against this possibility, he would have discarded his seven of spades on the jack of clubs in order to maintain control of the trumps.

Discarding a spade on the club jack could not cost South a trick, but offered him a chance to gain one. It was therefore the correct play, although not an easy one to think of.

Tomorrow: Playing the waiting game.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square to form four ordinary words.

DTHIC
CPYIK
MLETHE
NCAELC

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IN

Yesterday's Jumbles: DRAWN PANDA OUTING HYPHEN Answer: For this guy, having huge arms and winning arm wrestling matches — GO HAND IN HAND

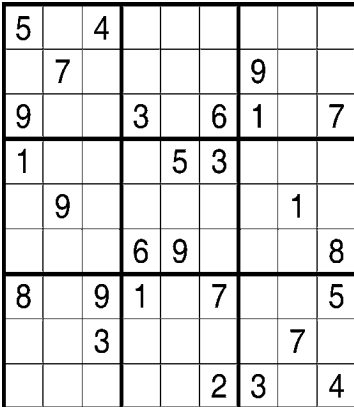


MEMORIZING LINES FOR THE PLAY WOULD REQUIRE A LOT OF EFFORT. SHE'D NEED TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

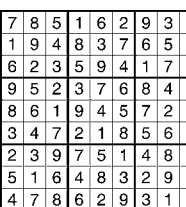
(Answers tomorrow)

TODAY'S SUDOKU



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



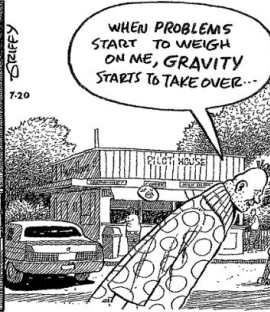
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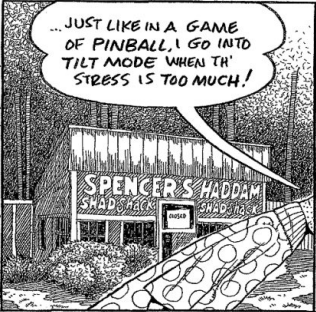
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"FALLING HARD"



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SUDOKU

2	7		8	4	3			5
	6	9		2			4	
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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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4	9	1	5	7	3	8	2	6
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3	4	7	1	2	5	6	9	8
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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

E	R	F	S
N	I	L	G
C	A	T	A
H	O	L	E

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

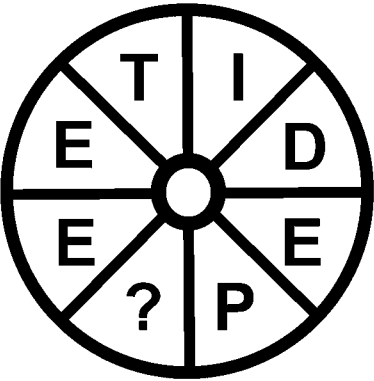
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3 letters = 1 point	151+ = Champ
4 letters = 2 points	101-150 = Expert
5 letters = 3 points	61-100 = Pro
6 letters = 4 points	31-60 = Gamer
7 letters = 5 points	21-30 = Rookie
8 letters = 10 points	11-20 = Amateur
9+ letters = 15 points	0-10 = Try again

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Find AT LEAST FOUR LANGUAGES in the grid of letters.

LATIN GAELIC FRENCH ITALIAN

WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

EXPEDITE

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The Oscars

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V	C	H	Y	U	E	O	I	W	A	N	N	B	L	N	D	E	T
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TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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48			49					50		
51			52					53		

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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ACROSS

- 1 "The Bernie ___ Show"
- 4 Monty & Arsenio
- 9 "___ Man Answers"; Sandra Dee/Bobby Darin film
- 12 Hardwood tree
- 13 Former New York Governor ___ Spitzer
- 14 "For Me and My ___"; Judy Garland movie
- 15 Ms. Lupino
- 16 Synagogue leader
- 17 Writer Alcott's initials
- 18 Bart's mom
- 20 Sing like Bing
- 22 "Who Do ___ Are?"
- 26 "What Did ___ in the War, Daddy?"; 1966 film
- 27 Curvy letter
- 28 "___ Abner"
- 29 Defunct airline
- 32 Lily pad
- 35 "The Late Show ___ Colbert"
- 39 Drink served warm
- 40 Finch or Falk
- 42 Furniture wood

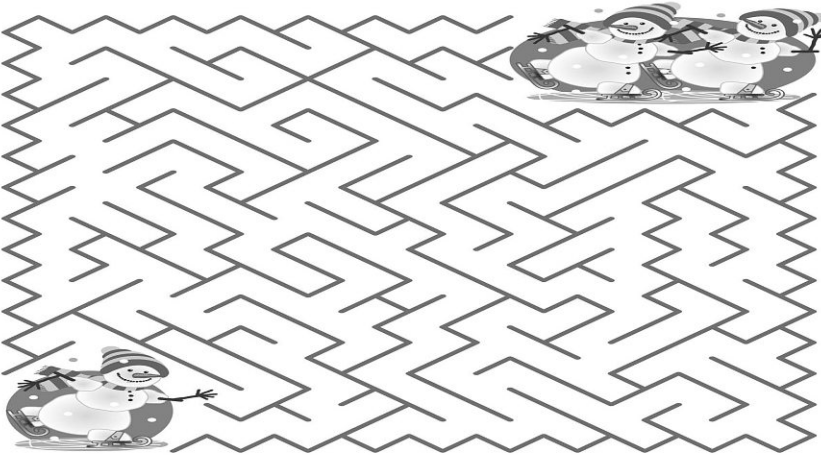
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			L	I	L					
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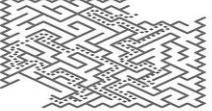
- 1 Injure
- 2 As clear ___; obvious
- 3 "Cuchi-cuchi" flamenco guitarist
- 4 "From ___ Eternity"; Sinatra film
- 5 Montgomery's state; abbr.
- 6 Ad-___; speak off-the-cuff
- 7 Bowl clumsily
- 8 ___ out; jut
- 9 Dome-shaped homes
- 10 "Lifestyles of the Rich and ___"
- 11 Ladd or Alda
- 19 "Family ___"; animated series
- 21 Deli loaf
- 23 Ship frameworks
- 24 Nitwit
- 25 Actor Nick
- 29 "___ a Half Men"
- 30 The ___ Witch of the West; film villain
- 31 "___ Z"; short-lived Ben Feldman series
- 33 "The Back-___"; Jennifer Lopez film
- 34 "Murder, ___ Wrote"
- 36 Actress Berry
- 37 Singer James & others
- 38 Boldness; chutzpah
- 39 Unlike Wellesley & Morehouse
- 41 Tatum's dad
- 44 Battery size
- 45 "Every Which Way ___ Loose"; Eastwood film
- 46 Prior to

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ANSWER:



WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: The Oscars

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

KIRHE

OBTOR

VINIET

OGATUE

Jumbles: HIKER ROBOT INVITE OUTAGE
Answer: He broke his wife's favorite figurine, and now he had to — BREAK IT TO HER

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

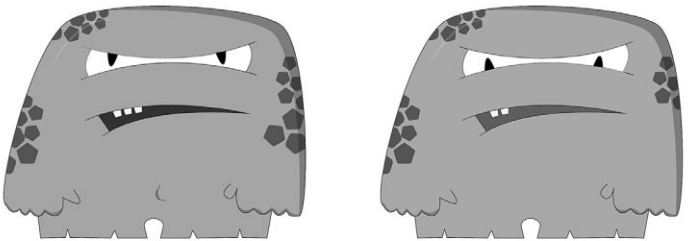
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	Family nickname											
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Kind of cake								"Snow White" dwarf				
Fit of anger								Roof edges	8			
Topped out												
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Connecticut

**City of Hartford
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development (HUD)
Public Notice - Year Three Annual Action
Plan (July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023)
CDBG, ESG, HOPWA, HOME Grant
Programs
July 15, 2022**

• The City of Hartford requests public input
on their Year Three (Fiscal Year 2022-23)
Action Plan that will be submitted to the to
the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development (HUD) on or around August 16,
2022. All interested parties may also reach
out with any questions on the programs by
contacting Sheryl Horowitz, at Sheryl.horow-
itz@hartford.gov . All comments received by
August 15, 2022 will be included as part of
the City's submission of the Annual Action
Plan.

• The City's drafted Annual Action Plan will
be posted on July 15th on the Central
Grants' departmental website - https://www.
hartfordct.gov/Government/Departments/
OMB/CentralGrants and is available for
review and comment. The draft plan will also
be available for review at the Hartford Public
Library (Downtown Branch).

• The Annual Action Plan addresses the
intended use of HUD supported entitlement
grant funds under the four formula programs
covered in the City's Five-Year Consolidated
Plan - Community Development Block Grant
(CDBG), Housing Opportunities for Persons
with AIDS (HOPWA), Emergency Solutions
Grant (ESG), and the Housing Investment
Partnerships Program (HOME).

• All allocations are subject to adoption by
the Hartford Court of Common Council and
release of funds from HUD. These Proposed
Activities and Allocations will be posted on
the Central Grants departmental website.

Contact:
Sheryl Horowitz
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Administration
Dept. of Management, Budget and Grants
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City of Hartford
Office: 860.757.9276
7/20/22 7253917

Connecticut

TOWN OF GLASTONBURY
INVITATION TO BID

**BID # GL-2022-26
ITEM Process Gravel Crushing Operation
DATE & TIME REQUIRED
August 9, 2022 @ 11:00a.m.**

The Town of Glastonbury is seeking bids for
Process Gravel Crushing Operation at the
Highway Facility, 2380 New London Turnpike.

Bidders wishing to submit a bid proposal
for this solicitation are directed to respond
online through a secure e-Procurement
portal. Responses can be submitted at the
following link: https://app.negometrix.com/
buyer/2832, under the bid title "GL-2022-26
Process Gravel Crushing Operation". All bids
will be publicly opened and read aloud. No
late bids will be accepted.

An optional pre-bid meeting to view debris
piles at the Highway facility will be held on
July 26, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at 2380 New
London Turnpike, Glastonbury, CT 06033.
Bidders are encouraged to attend.

This Invitation to Bid, Instructions to Bidders,
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Connecticut

Order of Notice

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SCJM, 25 School Street, Rockville, CT
06066

Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the
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receipt, in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper
having a circulation in the town/city of
Manchester, CT

Name of Judge Hon. Dawne Westbrook
Signed Tiffany Thibodeau Date signed
7/15/22
7/20/22 7253841

Liquor Notices

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METS

Alonso's bid for third straight derby title falls short

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

There was no three-Pete at the Home Run Derby. Mets first baseman Pete Alonso chased his third straight victory at the event and came up short Monday night. Mariners phenom Julio Rodriguez proved too big of a roadblock, beating Alonso in the semifinals before Juan Soto took him out in the final round. Soto, 23, became the second-youngest person to ever win the Home Run Derby.



The Mets' Pete Alonso comes up short of his third straight Home Run Derby championship on Monday night in Los Angeles. He was eliminated by Mariners phenom Julio Rodriguez in the semifinals. JAE C. HONG/AP

Inside

Juan Soto overcomes JRod, contract talk to win derby. **Page 3**

The Home Run Derby is, at its core, a fun and lighthearted event. It is usually 99% for the fans, 1% for the actual participants. Don't tell that to Alonso, who

takes the Home Run Derby as seriously as anyone ever has. Alonso described himself as "in the zone" during the ESPN broadcast, keeping his interview very short and continually mentioning that he was competing for something "bigger than himself," saying his winnings would go to the foundation he and

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RED SOX

Devers is one of game's big stars, but what is he worth?

By Alex Speier
New York Daily News

LOS ANGELES — A year ago, Rafael Devers arrived at his first All-Star Game as an emerging star. This year, he took the field at Dodger Stadium as one of the game's brightest lights, a player who at 25 is garnering recognition as a transcendent talent not just by contemporaries, but by the game's royalty.

"When I see Devers, it's like I never left," said David Ortiz, who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame this week. "He's fearless, this kid, at such an early age. He looks invincible out there."

"He's better than me," added Adrián Beltré, who is a virtual lock for a plaque in Cooperstown. "If he stays healthy, no doubt — no doubt he's going to be better." As he continues to build his

résumé, Devers has gone from impressive to awe-inspiring. He arrives at the break hitting .324 with a .379 on-base and .601 slugging mark — all of which would represent career highs — while hitting 22 homers and drilling 51 extra-base hits.

Pitchers express grudging amazement at his ability to crush offerings anywhere from his shoulders to his shoe tops.

"You can't tell a guy like that to only swing at strikes because he clearly demolishes sliders going in the dirt on a relatively regular basis, to where you try to throw a pitch in the dirt and you have to be prepared for it leave the park, which is odd," said Yankees All-Star Gerrit Cole, who has allowed six homers to Devers — more than any other player he

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WNBA SUN 82, LIBERTY 63



Bria Hartley was waived by the Indiana Fever last week, signed with the Sun on Monday and was on the court with the team for a game less than 12 hours after arriving in Connecticut. TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

A new ray of light

A day after signing with Sun, former UConn guard Hartley shows potential to help team

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

UNCASVILLE — Bria Hartley arrived in Connecticut after midnight. Less than 12 hours later, after a 10-minute meeting on terminology and some time spent studying the Sun play-book online, the 5-foot-9 guard was dressed and ready to play in the Sun's 11:30 a.m. game against New York on Tuesday. The veteran guard signed a rest-of-season contract with the Sun on Monday after being waived by the Indiana Fever late last week. Working back from a torn ACL she suffered in the WNBA bubble, Hartley had played in just 16 games since undergoing surgery on Sept. 18, 2020 — 10 of which were for the Fever this season. In those 10 games, Hartley averaged 2.5 points, 1 rebound and 1 assist. Over her career she has averaged 7.9 points, 2.2 rebounds, 2.6 assists, 0.6 steals and 0.1 blocks. "You just work really hard

to come back from injury and you want to be able to play basketball. I didn't really get to play that much basketball, but you keep working and you wait for an opportunity to present itself," Hartley said. The opportunity arrived, and it brought Hartley back to a place where she has solid history. A former UConn guard, Hartley won two national titles with the Huskies in 2013 and 2014 before being drafted seventh overall and making the 2014 WNBA All-Rookie Team. "It's awesome. Obviously there is such a great basketball culture here in Connecticut so when they announced that they signed me, it was really rewarding to see all of the support that I'm still getting," Hartley said. At this point in the season, with the Sun three games behind the Eastern Conference-leading Chicago Sky entering the regular season's final stretch, Hartley's addition is about veteran help. **Turn to Hartley, Page 2**



Bria Hartley won back-to-back NCAA championships with UConn in 2013 and 2014 before making the 2014 WNBA All-Rookie Team with the Mystics. COURANT FILE

Thomas, Carrington, Brionna Jones combine for 57 points as Sun pull away for victory

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

UNCASVILLE — In front of an audience largely filled with kids enjoying summer camp, the Connecticut Sun sent the New York Liberty packing with an 82-63 win, their third in four games over the last six days. The Sun put on quite the show for the campers. Connecticut outscored New York 29-13 in a decisive fourth quarter, punctuated by a pair of DiJonai Carrington 3s, including one with 3:45 remaining to give the Sun a 71-57 lead. That 3, which came right after former UConn guard Crystal Dangerfield hit an open 3 from the corner, sparked a 16-0 fourth-quarter run that saw the Sun take an insurmountable 80-57 lead with 1:40 to go. Carrington, who had just four points through the game's first three quarters, shot 4-for-5 and scored 14 points in the fourth while also stepping up her defensive presence.

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■ WNBA standings. **Page 4**

"I just stayed aggressive and played confident, and I think that all starts when I play good on defense. I think that gets me going offensively," Carrington said. With 2021 WNBA MVP Jonquel Jones out due to health and safety protocols, Brionna Jones, a 2022 All-Star, stepped in and made the game her own. "It was tough when we heard JJ wasn't going to be here these last couple games, but I'm just ready for whatever is thrown at me," Jones said. "I just have to stay consistent and keep doing what I've been doing whether I'm coming off the bench or starting. For me it was just trying to fill that role, but also the team — we all have to come together and pick up a little bit of what JJ brings every day." **Turn to Sun, Page 2**

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Red Sox: Blue Jays, Friday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Saturday, 4 p.m.; Blue Jays, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Yankees: at Houston (2), Thursday, 1 & 6:30 p.m.; at Orioles, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Mets: Padres, Friday, 7 p.m.; Padres, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Padres, Sunday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Binghamton, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Binghamton, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.; at Binghamton, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Sun: at Lynx, Friday, 8 p.m.; at Lynx, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Storm, July 28, 7 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: Pittsburgh, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Rio Grande, July 27, 8:30 p.m.; Birmingham, July 30, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO BASKETBALL

Noon: WNBA Storm at Sky. (Live) NBA
8 p.m.: The Basketball Tournament Americana for Autism vs HBC United. (Live) ESPN
BICYCLING
8 a.m.: Tour de France Stage 17. (Live) USA
GOLF
7:30 a.m.: Ladies Euro Tour Estrella Damm Ladies Open, Third Round. (Same-day Tape) GOLF
9:30 a.m.: Ladies Euro Tour Estrella Damm Ladies Open, Final Round. (Same-day Tape) GOLF
5 a.m.: Evian Championship First Round. (Live) GOLF
SOCCER
6:30 a.m.: Club Friendly Paris Saint-Germain FC vs Kawasaki Frontale. (Live) CBSSN
2:30 p.m.: UEFA Women's EURO First Quarterfinal England vs Spain. (Live) ESPN2
7 p.m.: USL Championship Phoenix Rising FC at Louisville City FC. (Live) ESPN2
7:50 p.m.: Copa América Femenina Colombia vs Chile. (Live) FS1
9 p.m.: International Friendly Manchester City FC vs Club America. (Live) ESPN2
10 p.m.: Mexicano Primera División Guadalajara vs. León. (Live) TELE
TRACK AND FIELD
7:30 p.m.: World Athletics Championships. (Live) USA

LOCAL BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEGION

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

CT Legion Tournament
First Round—Elimination Game
Northern Bracket
Pod A
WINDSOR LOCKS/WINDSOR AT WEST HARTFORD, LATE
Pod B
TORRINGTON AT TRI-TOWN, LATE
Pod C
ENFIELD AT BRISTOL, LATE
Pod D
SIMSBURY AT RCP POST, LATE
Southern Bracket
Pod E
FAIRFIELD AT HAMDEN, LATE
Pod F
WESTPORT AT MADISON, LATE
Pod G
MOOSUP AT TRUMBULL, LATE
Pod H
RIDGEFIELD AT DANBURY, LATE
WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE
CT Legion Tournament
First Round—Pod Championship
Northern Bracket
Pod A: Windsor Locks/Windsor-West Hartford winner at Ellington, 4p.m.
Pod B: Torrington/Tri-Town winner at Middletown, 4p.m.
Pod C: Enfield/Bristol winner at Waterford, 5:30p.m.
Pod D: RCP Post/Simsbury winner at Willimantic, 4p.m.
Southern Bracket
Pod E: Fairfield/Hamden winner at Greenwich, 4p.m.
Pod F: Westport/Madison winner at Stamford, 4p.m.
Pod G: Moosup/Trumbull winner at West Haven, 5p.m.
Pod H: Ridgefield/Danbury winner at EHM, 4p.m.

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE

MONDAY'S LATE RESULTS

ROCK CATS AT DODGERS, PPD.
ORIOLES AT PATRIOTS, PPD.
BLACK SOX AT ANGELS, PPD.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

DODGERS AT ROCKIES, LATE
AFTERSHOCK AT ROCK CATS, LATE
WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE
Knights at Black Sox, 5:45p.m.
Rock Cats at Dodgers, 6p.m.
Patriots at Angels, 6:30p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

ORIOLES AT PEOPLE'S, LATE
COLTS AT EXPOS, LATE
PHILLIES AT JETS, LATE
GRAPHICS AT CARDINALS, LATE
WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE
Graphics at Phillies, 6p.m.

PETE KOKINIS BASEBALL LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

NEW BRITAIN PARKS AND REC AT PLAINVILLE DEVILS, LATE
FARMINGTON AT COPPERHEADS-TORRINGTON, LATE
AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN AT SOUTHTON HITMEN, LATE
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MLB DRAFT

UConn's Gallagher, Dana taken on final day

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

Pat Gallagher, a sturdy starting pitcher during his three seasons at UConn, was chosen by the Blue Jays in the 11th round of the MLB draft on Tuesday.

The draft wrapped up with rounds 11 through 20, with five players with state ties chosen.

Gallagher, a right-hander from Leominster, Mass., was 16-5 with a 3.77 ERA in 25 games, 27 starts, as a Husky. He was 11-3 this season, with wins in the Big East Tournament, the NCAA regional and the Super Regional.

The Jays already have a strong UConn influence, in All-Star outfielder George Springer, pitcher Anthony Kay and pitching coach Pete Walker. They chose Gallagher with the 338th overall pick.

Earlier in the 11th round, with the 320th pick, the Pirates chose left-hander Dominic Perachi, who pitched for Shepaug Valley High in Washington, and at Division III Salve Regina.

UConn outfielder Casey Dana went to the Angels in the 16th round. Dana, a grad transfer from Seton Hall, hit .313 for the Huskies this past season, with 12 homers and 61 RBIs in 65 games.

The Astros chose Boston College righthander Joe Mancini, who played at Fairfield Prep, in the 15th round, No. 463 overall.

Matt Scott was the lone state high school player chosen, by the Rangers in the 20th and final round. Scott, a right-handed pitcher who led Joel Barlow of Redding to the CIAC Class M championship, is committed to attend Stanford.

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Jones dominated the paint from tip, scoring 21 points on 9-of-15 shooting and grabbing eight rebounds. On one occasion, she even ripped the ball from the hands of Liberty forward Natasha Howard for an offensive rebound, laying it in for two.

Alyssa Thomas also stepped up in Jonquel Jones' absence, scoring 16 points and grabbing 11 rebounds to go along with five steals. She shot 6-for-11 from the field after struggling in the Sun's last game against Las Vegas in which she scored just five points

on 1-for-6 shooting with nine turnovers.

"You see what a true professional she is," Sun coach Curt Miller said. "Just a monster stat-stuffing game for her — just a true professional. That's what happens 48 hours after a disappointing game. You have to have a short-term memory in the sport of basketball."

The Sun held Sabrina Ionescu, the No. 1 pick in the 2020 WNBA draft, to 14 points on 6-for-18 shooting, including 1-for-7 from 3-point range.

Former Husky Stephanie Dolson finished with 12 points on 5-for-8 shooting and six rebounds for the

Liberty.

Connecticut also scored 23 points off of 19 Liberty turnovers.

"A really good win for us against a really dangerous offensive team, allowing us to split that series this year," Miller said. "Just really pleased with our defense. I felt, even when they made shots and made runs, we were in plays which we weren't in against them last time. We flew around and we played really hard — and it all started with post pressure.

"There were subtle differences today to our scheme. ... What I thought we did was our effort, desire and our toughness."

Bria Hartley, a former UConn guard signed by the Sun off waivers Monday, played 12 minutes, including important fourth-quarter time, despite having yet to practice with the team. She dished out two assists, grabbed a rebound and stole an inbounds pass but missed the two shots she took.

The second-place Sun improved to 17-9 and will return to the hardwood Friday as they travel to Minnesota for an 8 p.m. tip-off against the Lynx. The Sun will be back at Mohegan Sun Arena on Thursday, July 28, to face Sue Bird, Breanna Stewart and the Seattle Storm.



Guard Bria Hartley tore an ACL with the Phoenix Mercury in the WNBA bubble in 2020 and played in only six games last season while still recovering. She played 10 games this season with Indiana before being waived and signing with the Sun on Monday. **RICK SCUTERI/AP**

Hartley

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She hadn't been with the team for a full day yet, but she had Courtney Williams' intro dance down pat.

With 2:50 on the clock in the first quarter, Sun coach Curt Miller turned to the bench and pointed at Hartley. She took a split second to realize it was her he wanted in the game and got up and trotted to the table. Within minutes, she dished her first assist as a member of the Sun, finding Alyssa Thomas as she cut to the basket for a layup.

Hartley reentered the game at the start of the fourth quarter and snagged a New York inbound pass for her first steal as a member of the Sun. She

played just over 12 minutes, finishing with two assists and a steal and shot 0 for 2.

"I'm just extremely happy that we have Bria Hartley," Miller said after the game. "I can't be more pleased. I know it doesn't say that on the stat sheet, but just the professionalism, the calmness — just the veteran. We haven't had a veteran guard like her off the bench since Layshia (Clarendon) in 2019"

The Sun have 10 games left in the regular season and sit in second place in the East. Hartley will use that time to find her footing — learning terminology, schemes, philosophies. Next up are two games at Minnesota, where she'll suit up against the Lynx on Friday and Sunday.

"There was just a calmness about me

when she was on the floor," Miller said. "I just knew she was going to get us into things and make good decisions — and she has no idea what we're doing. To me, that's remarkable," Miller said. "I mean, she got here after midnight and played an 11:30 a.m. game without practice ever. She saw the players for the first time in the locker room 90 minutes before the game. She's really going to really help us."

Hartley, in her ninth WNBA season and on her fourth team, hadn't played with anyone on the Sun roster before Tuesday.

"My mindset is to just come out here and do what I can," she said. "My work ethic and just how hard I've worked to get to this point — just to be able to run on the court again is a blessing so I just want to embrace the moment."

Alonso

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his wife founded.

Before things kicked off, Alonso was lifting weights. Between his rounds, the Mets' burly bro spent his time in the Dodger Stadium batting cage rather than rubbing elbows and swapping smiles with his fellow All-Stars. Everyone else was there for pleasure; Alonso came to Los Angeles for business.

Those minutes of meditation, the time spent visualizing a third straight win, the physical advantage of relaxing in the air-conditioned stadium rather than the sunbaked field. None of it paid off for the two-time defending champ, who has a real gift for this sort of thing, but couldn't find the mojo that won him the novelty trophy in 2019 and 2021.

Coming into the night as the odds-on favorite, Alonso was seen as the man who simply does not lose in the Home Run Derby. The baseball world may have underestimated Rodriguez, who posted the first back-to-back 30-homer rounds in derby history before running out of gas in the final round.

Alonso got through NL East rival Ronald Acuna Jr. in the first round, topping the Braves' star 20-19. Going second in that round, Alonso knew exactly how many big flies he needed to move on. The same was true of the second round, but thanks to Rodriguez's effortless power, the number to advance was 32 instead of 20. That iceberg proved to be too big for the Polar Bear.

But Albert Pujols slithered his way into the spotlight as well. Twice Rodriguez's age, the first-ballot Hall of Famer pulled a huge upset in the

first round. Facing the No. 1 seed in Kyle Schwarber (who earned the seed thanks to having the most homers of anyone in the field), Pujols out-homered the Phillies' lefty in their head-to-head battle.

Only added to the NL All-Star roster as a sort of lifetime achievement honoree, and placed in the Home Run Derby to drum up viewership and nostalgia, Pujols ended up sticking around longer than anyone could have guessed. What a surprise for the man playing his 22nd MLB season.

Alonso will no doubt receive some ribbing from his Mets' teammates when he returns to them after the All-Star break. But with the Mets in the best position of Alonso's career, the importance of his actual baseball schedule should allow for a quick grieving process.

As one Mariner eliminated Alonso, he also prevented the Mets' slugger from matching the greatest Mariner of all time. Alonso's loss means that Ken Griffey Jr. is still the only player to win the derby three times.

If anyone knows that and is shaken up over it, it's Pete Alonso. He can still get revenge next year, as the event shifts to Seattle, giving him an opportunity to turn the tables on Rodriguez and Griffey in the city that worships them.

Rather than the night belonging to the Mets' slugger, it was about the future and the past of the sport. Rodriguez is going to be one of the best players in the universe, full stop. He's already an All-Star as a rookie — an obvious honor for the first player in league history to post 15 homers, 50 RBIs and 20 stolen bases through his first 90 career games — and the 21-year-old has now deposited the Home Run Derby champion.

Devers

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has faced. "He's unique. From afar, it seems like he just keeps getting better and just kind of honing it a bit."

Red Sox starters Rich Hill and Michael Wacha took stock of Devers from the other side of the field in 2021, when they both faced him as members of the Rays. They experienced the puzzling process of trying to game-plan for a player cut in the mold of a Nomar Garciaparra or Vladimir Guerrero Sr. — someone who is comfortable chasing pitches well outside of the strike zone and crushing them.

"He was a guy that you had to game-plan around," said Wacha. "He was always on the radar, always knew where he was in the lineup type of guy."

Devers's talent stands out in the baseball landscape, where pitchers typically feel like they've won the battle when they get opposing hitters to swing at something that isn't in the zone.

At the same age, Ortiz was searching for a toehold as a platoon player with the Twins. Beltré had been a roughly average hitter in the big leagues through age 24 before a breakout season at 25 — followed by four more years of roughly league-average production. Devers, in the words of White Sox manager Tony La Russa, "has already got it figured out" at the age when even excellent players are just starting to realize how to harness their abilities. What to conclude from his multiyear perch as one of the game's foremost hitters at such a young age?

"Raffy is going to be one of the generational talents that we're able to witness,"

said Hill.

But will that opportunity remain with the Red Sox, and if so, at what cost?

Devers has made clear his love of the Red Sox organization and his desire to remain with the team that signed him as a 16-year-old out of the Dominican Republic in 2013. The Sox, likewise, have made clear they view Devers as a cornerstone player they'd love to retain for years.

Yet his free agency following the 2023 season is coming ever closer, ever more sharply into view — particularly after conversations between Devers and the team about a long-term deal this spring never came close to an agreement.

According to a major league source familiar with the talks, the Red Sox identified Matt Olson's eight-year, \$168 million extension with Atlanta as a basis for discussions — citing the likelihood that Devers would spend much of the contract either at first base or designated hitter.

Devers aimed much higher, convinced in his ability to stay at third for the immediate future (an outlook that has been validated by his solid glove work this year) while making the case that his offense would make him immensely valuable even if he eventually moves to first or DH. The canyon-sized gap between the sides — Jeff Passan of ESPN reported it was in excess of \$100 million — made clear that there was little common ground.

Cole — one of nine players to receive a contract guaranteeing \$300 million — said his gut tells him Devers also belongs in that class. Hill was even more adamant.

"No doubt about it," he said.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	64	28	.696	—	—	5-5	W-2	37-12	27-16
Tampa Bay	51	41	.554	13	+1 ½	6-4	W-1	31-18	20-23
Toronto	50	43	.538	14 ½	—	5-5	W-3	30-19	20-24
Boston	48	45	.516	16 ½	2	3-7	L-2	23-20	25-25
Baltimore	46	46	.500	18	3 ½	8-2	L-1	25-17	21-29

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	50	44	.532	—	—	3-7	L-1	27-22	23-22
Cleveland	46	44	.511	2	2 ½	6-4	W-3	25-19	21-25
Chicago	46	46	.500	3	3 ½	7-3	W-1	19-25	27-21
Detroit	37	55	.402	12	12 ½	2-8	L-4	23-24	14-31
Kansas City	36	56	.391	13	13 ½	5-5	L-3	19-27	17-29

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	59	32	.648	—	—	6-4	L-1	28-14	31-18
Seattle	51	42	.548	9	+1	10-0	W-14	24-20	27-22
Texas	41	49	.456	17 ½	7 ½	4-6	L-4	21-26	20-23
Los Angeles	39	53	.424	20 ½	10 ½	2-8	L-3	22-27	17-26
Oakland	32	61	.344	28	18	4-6	W-1	11-31	21-30

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	58	35	.624	—	—	6-4	L-1	28-15	30-20
Atlanta	56	38	.596	2 ½	+6	7-3	L-1	31-20	25-18
Philadelphia	49	43	.533	8 ½	—	6-4	W-3	24-21	25-22
Miami	43	48	.473	14	5 ½	4-6	L-3	22-22	21-26
Washington	31	63	.330	27 ½	19	1-9	W-1	15-36	16-27

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	50	43	.538	—	—	3-7	L-3	21-19	29-24
St. Louis	50	44	.532	½	—	6-4	W-2	29-20	21-24
Pittsburgh	39	54	.419	11	10 ½	5-5	W-1	20-23	19-31
Chicago	35	57	.380	14 ½	14	1-9	W-1	18-32	17-25
Cincinnati	34	57	.374	15	14 ½	6-4	L-2	18-28	16-29

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	60	30	.667	—	—	9-1	W-4	30-13	30-17
San Diego	52	42	.553	10	+2	4-6	L-1	25-21	27-21
San Francisco	48	43	.527	12 ½	½	7-3	W-3	26-22	22-21
Colorado	43	50	.462	18 ½	6 ½	7-3	L-1	28-23	15-27
Arizona	40	52	.435	21	9	3-7	W-1	22-26	18-26



The Nationals' Juan Soto flips his bat after advancing to the second round of the Home Run Derby on Monday night at Dodger Stadium. Soto went on to win the Derby, besting Mariners rookie Julio Rodríguez in the finals. GINA FERAZZI/LOS ANGELES TIMES

AROUND THE HORN

Manfred on defensive over wages for minor leaguers

Associated Press

Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred defended the sport’s treatment of minor leaguers, prompting immediate criticism from the players’ advocacy group.

“I kind of reject the premise of the question that minor league players are not paid a living wage,” Manfred told the Baseball Writers’ Association of America before Tuesday night’s All-Star Game at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, which ended too late for this edition.

“I think that we’ve made real strides in the last few years in terms of what minor league players are paid, even putting to one side the signing bonuses that many of them have already received. They receive housing, which obviously is another form of compensation.”

MLB raised minimum salaries in 2021, increasing Class A pay from \$290 to \$500 per week, Double-A from \$350 to \$600, and Triple-A from \$502 to \$700 over the roughly five-month season. Players are only paid in-season.

Amateur players residing in the United States and Canada who are selected in this week’s amateur draft have slot values for their signing bonuses, which clubs use as guidelines, ranging from \$8.8 million for the first pick to just under \$150,000 for the last selections of the 10th and final round.

Last November, MLB announced it was requiring teams to provide furnished accommodations, with a single bed per player and no more than two players per bedroom. Teams are responsible for basic utility bills.

“Most minor league baseball players work second jobs because their annual salaries are insufficient to make ends meet,” Harry Marino, executive director of Advocates for Minor Leaguers, said in a statement responding to Manfred. “His suggestion that minor league pay is acceptable is both callous and false.”

Papers filed Friday in federal court revealed MLB agreed to pay \$185 million to settle a lawsuit by minor leaguers. MLB agreed in the deal to rescind any prohibitions against teams paying wages to minor league players outside of the season.

An early estimate is that perhaps 23,000 players could share the money with an average payment of \$5,000 to \$5,500, with \$55.5 million going to the players’ lawyers.

Leaders of the Senate Judiciary

Committee have asked Manfred to explain by next Tuesday the impact of potential legislation stripping the sport’s antitrust exemption from covering the sport’s relationship with minor league players.

While players with major league contracts are unionized, players with minor league contracts are not. The Major League Baseball Players Association gave Advocates for Minor Leaguers \$50,000 last November, according to a disclosure statement.

“It is exciting to see players recognizing and appreciating the power of their collective voice in effecting positive change in things that they live day to day,” union head Tony Clark, a former first baseman, told the BBWAA in a question-and-answer session prior to Manfred’s. “Harry Marino and the Advocates for Minor Leaguers have done a tremendous job in engaging and educating the the minor leaguers and helping them to find their voice. ... We are watching. We are providing support when and where possible.”

‘Committed’ to the future: Clark appears likely to stay on as head of the baseball players’ association.

“There’s a lot of work that needs to be done, and I am more than committed to continue to do it,” the former All-Star first baseman said Tuesday.

Now 50, Clark took over as union head in late 2013 following the death of Michael Weiner. Clark led the union during labor negotiations in 2016 and during the deal in March that followed a 99-day lockout. The new agreement expires in December 2026.

Bruce Meyer headed the day-to-day bargaining during the most recent talks and was promoted last week to deputy executive director from senior director of collective bargaining and legal.

The union’s key decisions are made by a 38-man executive committee, which includes an eight-man executive subcommittee. Seven of the eight members of the executive subcommittee made \$12 million or more in 2021 and the other made \$3.5 million.

While the executive subcommittee voted 8-0 against approving the five-year contract, team player representatives voted 26-4 in favor, leaving the overall ballot at 26-12 for ratification.

Clark said voices are heard from lower-paid members of the union.

“The veteran players were the most vocal players about improving the system for the younger players,” Clark said. “They recognize the changes

that were happening in the game and they recognize because they are in the clubhouse with the young players and wanting to let them know that they had their back when negotiating.”

The deal included a \$50 million annual bonus pool for players not yet eligible for arbitration.

Clark said players pushed for “the acknowledgment that younger players were delivering more value and needed to realize more of that value.”

Soto takes the long view: Juan Soto bet heavily on his own talent and health by turning down a massive, long-term contract extension from the Nationals.

Soto then went to the Home Run Derby at Dodger Stadium and showed why he almost certainly can’t lose.

Soto won the Derby for the first time Monday night, holding off Mariners rookie Julio Rodríguez 19-18 in the final.

The 23-year-old Soto hit 53 total homers, beating each of his three opponents by one homer while hitting second each time in the midseason power showcase. Soto was locked in at the plate even after spending an hour earlier at Chavez Ravine answering repeated questions about his possible departure from the Nats after turning down a \$440 million offer.

“It feels amazing. It feels tiring,” said Soto, a reserve on the NL All-Star team for Tuesday’s Midsummer Classic. “I just tried to concentrate to square off the balls, because I know I have the power.”

With a big celebratory bat flip after the final homer dropped into the stands, Soto became the second-youngest Home Run Derby winner in baseball history — by a single day. At 23 years and 266 days old, Soto is only one day older than Juan González was when he won in 1993.

Soto hit a 482-foot blast to right-center while beating the Guardians’ José Ramírez 18-17 in the first round, and he got past 42-year-old Albert Pujols of the Cardinals 16-15 to reach the final.

Soto earned a \$1 million prize — a whole lot more than his \$700,000 salary this season — and another highlight on his resume as his time with the Nationals possibly nears an end. He turned down a 15-year, \$440 million contract to stay with the Nationals, and he could be traded by the end of the month. That contract would have been the biggest in total value and the 19th-largest by average salary in baseball history.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE									
AMERICAN LEAGUE THURSDAY'S GAMES N.Y. Yankees at Houston, 1:10 p.m., 1st game Texas at Miami, 1:10p.m. Detroit at Oakland, 3:37p.m., 1st game N.Y. Yankees at Houston, 6:40 p.m., 2nd game Detroit at Oakland, 7:07p.m., 2nd game					NATIONAL LEAGUE THURSDAY'S GAMES Texas at Miami, 1:10p.m. San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 10:09 p.m.				
STATISTICAL LEADERS									
AMERICAN LEAGUE					NATIONAL LEAGUE				
BATTING					BATTING				
Player	G	AB	R	H BA	Player	G	AB	R	H BA
Arraez, MIN	84	308	52	104 .338	Goldschmidt, STL	90	339	64	112 .330
Devers, BOS	86	346	62	112 .324	Freeman, LAD	90	355	60	114 .321
Benintendi, KC	87	322	37	102 .317	Bell, WAS	93	341	49	106 .311
Bogaerts, BOS	89	329	54	104 .316	Hoerner, CHC	77	274	29	84 .307
Kirk, TOR	83	267	45	84 .315	Turner, LAD	90	363	54	111 .306
Anderson, CHW	65	274	44	85 .310	Machado, SD	83	314	56	95 .303
France, SEA	79	315	35	97 .308	Iglesias, COL	77	282	29	85 .301
Alvarez, HOU	75	268	57	82 .306	McNeil, NYM	81	280	38	84 .300
Gurriel Jr., TOR	84	304	37	93 .306	Cron, COL	90	346	55	103 .298
Abreu, CHW	90	345	52	105 .304	Marte, NYM	77	312	52	92 .295
HOME RUNS					HOME RUNS				
Judge, NYY				33	Schwarber, PHI				29
Alvarez, HOU				26	Riley, ATL				27
Stanton, NYY				24	Alonso, NYM				24
Trout, LAA				24	Walker, ARI				22
Buxton, MIN				23	Cron, COL				21
Rizzo, NYY				22	Betts, LAD				20
Devers, BOS				22	Soto, WAS				20
Seager, TEX				22	Goldschmidt, STL				20
Guerrero Jr., TOR				20	Adames, MIL				19
Ramírez, CLE				19	Hoskins, PHI				19
Ohtani, LAA				19					19
RUNS BATTED IN					RUNS BATTED IN				
Ramírez, CLE				75	Alonso, NYM				78
Judge, NYY				70	Goldschmidt, STL				70
Tucker, HOU				62	Cron, COL				69
Stanton, NYY				61	Turner, LAD				68
Alvarez, HOU				60	Lindor, NYM				66
Story, BOS				58	Riley, ATL				61
Rizzo, NYY				57	Olson, ATL				60
Guerrero Jr., TOR				57	Arenado, STL				59
Ohtani, LAA				56	Freeman, LAD				59
Devers, BOS				55	Schwarber, PHI				58
STOLEN BASES					STOLEN BASES				
Mateo, BAL				22	Berti, MIA				28
Rodríguez, SEA				21	Acuña Jr., ATL				20
Arozarena, TB				19	Edman, STL				20
Mullins, BAL				19	Turner, LAD				17
Semien, TEX				17	Bader, STL				15
Witt Jr., KC				17	Swanson, ATL				14
Tucker, HOU				15	Estrada, SF				13
Merrifield, KC				14	Yelich, MIL				13
García, TEX				13	Chisholm Jr., MIA				12
Kiner-Falefa, NYY				13	Marte, NYM				12
Ramírez, CLE				13	Realmuto, PHI				12
Straw, CLE				13					
HITS					HITS				
Devers, BOS				112	Freeman, LAD				114
Abreu, CHW				105	Goldschmidt, STL				112
Arraez, MIN				104	Turner, LAD				111
Bogaerts, BOS				104	Bell, WAS				106
Benintendi, KC				102	Swanson, ATL				106
Bichette, TOR				99	Cron, COL				103
Rosario, CLE				99	Riley, ATL				103
France, SEA				97	Arenado, STL				97
Judge, NYY				96	Machado, SD				95
Martínez, BOS				96	Edman, STL				94
EARNED RUN AVERAGE					EARNED RUN AVERAGE				
McClanahan, TB				1.71	Alcantara, MIA				1.76
Verlander, HOU				1.89	Gonsolin, LAD				2.02
Cease, CHW				2.15	Burnes, MIL				2.14
Manoah, TOR				2.28	Musgrove, SD				2.42
Cortes, NYY				2.63	Mikolas, STL				2.54
Valdez, HOU				2.66	Fried, ATL				2.64
Pérez, TEX				2.68	Rodón, SF				2.66
Gilbert, SEA				2.76	Webb, SF				2.83
Gausman, TOR				2.87	López, MIA				2.86
Cole, NYY				3.02					
WON-LOST					WON-LOST				
Verlander, HOU				12-3	Gonsolin, LAD				11-0
Taillon, NYY				10-2	Wright, ATL				11-4
Gilbert, SEA				10-3	Anderson, LAD				10-1
McClanahan, TB				10-3	Fried, ATL				10-3
Manoah, TOR				10-4	Carrasco, NYM				10-4
Cole, NYY				9-2	Webb, SF				9-3
Cease, CHW				9-4	Alcantara, MIA				9-4
Ohtani, LAA				9-4	Kelly, ARI				9-5
Kimber, TOR				8-3	Musgrove, SD				8-2
Urquidí, HOU				8-4	Darvish, SD				8-4
Valdez, HOU				8-4					
STRIKEOUTS					STRIKEOUTS				
Cease, CHW				150	Burnes, MIL				144
Cole, NYY				147	Nola, PHI				137
McClanahan, TB				147	Rodón, SF				131
Ray, SEA				135	Alcantara, MIA				123
Ohtani, LAA				123	Morton, ATL				114
Javier, HOU				112	Strider, ATL				114
Verlander, HOU				108	Greene, CIN				113
Bieber, CLE				106	Fried, ATL				109
Gausman, TOR				106	Wheeler, PHI				108
Gilbert, SEA				104	Wright, ATL				107
Pivetta, BOS				104					
ON THIS DATE									
July 20									
1926: Malcolm Eason of Brooklyn pitched a 2-0 no-hitter against the Cardinals in St. Louis.									
1925: Brooklyn's Dazzy Vance struck out 17 batters as the Dodgers tripped the Chicago Cubs 4-3 in 10 innings.									
1933: Babe Herman hit three home runs, including a grand slam, to pace the Chicago Cubs in a 10-1 rout of the Philadelphia Phillies at Wrigley Field.									
1941: New York's Joe DiMaggio had three doubles and a homer in a 12-6, 17-inning Yankee victory over the Tigers in Detroit.									
1958: Jim Bunning of the Detroit Tigers threw a no-hitter, beating the Boston Red Sox 3-0 in the first game of a doubleheader.									
1970: Bill Singer of the Dodgers pitched a no-hitter against the Philadelphia Phillies in front of 12,454 at Los Angeles.									
1973: Wilbur Wood of the Chicago White Sox lost both ends of a doubleheader to the New York Yankees, 12-2 and 7-0.									
1976: Hank Aaron hit the 755th and final home run of his career to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a 6-2 win over California.									
2008: Francisco Rodríguez became the fastest pitcher to 40 saves in big league history when he closed out the Los Angeles Angels' 5-3 victory over Boston. Rodríguez, who struck out the side in the ninth inning, reached 40 saves in 98 games — 10 faster than John Smoltz did five years ago.									
2009: Matt Holliday homered twice, including a tying grand slam in the seventh inning, and Jack Cust followed with another shot, helping the Athletics rally from a 10-run deficit — the largest comeback in Oakland history — and beat the Minnesota Twins 14-13.									
2013: The Seattle Mariners manage only one hit but manage to beat the Astros 4-2.									
2015: Women's baseball is played in The Pan American Games for the first time.									

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

MLS EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	10	2	9	39	33	15
New York City FC	11	4	5	38	39	21
N.Y. Red Bulls	9	6	6	33	30	22
CF Montréal	10	8	2	32	34	30
Orlando City	8	7	6	30	26	30
Columbus	7	5	8	29	27	22
Cincinnati	7	8	6	27	32	37
Charlotte FC	8	11	2	26	25	27
Inter Miami CF	7	9	4	25	22	31
New England	6	7	7	25	32	34
Atlanta	6	8	7	24	29	31
Chicago	6	10	5	23	21	27
Toronto FC	5	12	4	19	26	39
D.C. United	5	11	3	18	25	41
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	13	4	3	42	40	22
Austin FC	12	4	5	41	42	24
Real Salt Lake	9	6	6	33	28	26
Minnesota United	9	8	4	31	29	25
Nashville	8	7	6	30	27	27
FC Dallas	7	6	8	29	31	25
LA Galaxy	8	9	3	27	28	27
Portland	6	6	9	27	33	30
Seattle	8	10	2	26	26	24
Vancouver	7	9	5	26	23	34
Houston	7	10	4	25	27	29
Colorado	6	8	6	24	24	27
San Jose	5	8	7	22	33	41
Sporting KC	5	12	5	20	19	38
Three points for win, one point for tie.						

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Miami at New York City FC, 7p.m.
Nashville at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.
New England at Columbus, 7:30p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando City, 7:30p.m.
Charlotte FC at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.
CF Montréal at D.C. United, 8p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8:30p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m.
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, 10p.m.
Colorado at Seattle, 10p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 10p.m.
San Jose at Portland, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
N.Y. Red Bulls at Austin FC, 8p.m.
Atlanta at LA Galaxy, 9:30p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 29
Seattle at Los Angeles FC, 11p.m.

U.S. OPEN CUP WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, SEMIFINALS
N.Y. Red Bulls at Orlando City, 5:30p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Sacramento Republic FC, 8:30p.m.

NWSL CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego FC	6	3	4	22	19	11
Portland	5	1	6	21	29	10
Chicago	5	2	5	20	16	14
Houston	5	4	3	18	20	16
Kansas City	5	4	3	18	12	14
OL Reign	4	3	5	17	11	9
Angel City FC	5	4	2	17	10	11
Orlando	3	5	4	13	12	26
Gotham FC	4	6	0	12	7	18
Louisville	2	5	5	11	13	18
Washington	1	5	7	10	15	15
North Carolina	2	5	2	8	14	16
Three points for win, one point for tie.						

FRIDAY, JULY 29
Washington at N. Carolina, 7:30p.m.
Sand Diego FC at Louisville, 8p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 30
San Diego Wave FC at Chicago, 8p.m.
OL Reign at Angel City FC, 10:30p.m.

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (11-0-1)
s-Feb. 17: U.S. 0, Czech Republic 0
s-Feb. 20: U.S. 5, New Zealand 0
s-Feb. 23: U.S. 5, Iceland 0
April 9: U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 1
April 12: U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 0
June 25: U.S. 3, Colombia 0
June 28: U.S. 2, Colombia 0
v-July 4: U.S. 3, Haiti 0
v-July 7: U.S. 5, Jamaica 0
v-July 11: U.S. 1, Mexico 0
v-July 14: U.S. 3, Costa Rica 0
v-July 18: U.S. 1, Canada 0
Sept. 3: vs. Nigeria, 1 p.m.
Sept. 6: vs. Nigeria, 6 p.m.
s-SheBelieves Cup
v-CONCACAF W Championship

U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE (5-2-3)
q-Jan. 27: U.S. 1, El Salvador 0
q-Jan. 30: Canada 2, U.S. 0
q-Feb. 2: U.S. 3, Honduras 0
q-March 24: Mexico 0, U.S. 0
q-March 27: U.S. 5, Panama 1
q-March 30: Costa Rica 2, U.S. 0
June 1: U.S. 3, Morocco 0
June 5: U.S. 0, Uruguay 0
n-June 10: U.S. 5, Grenada 0
n-June 14: U.S. 1, El Salvador 1
Sept. 23: exhibition TBA

n-Nationas Cup
q-CONCACAF World Cup qualifying
w-FIFA World Cup, Qatar

CYCLING

109TH TOUR DE FRANCE Tuesday's 16th Stage, a 178.5-km (110 mile) Carcassonne—Foix	
STAGE 16 RESULTS* <i>time behind leader</i>	
1. Hugo Houle, Canada	4:23:47
2. Valentin Madouas, France	1:10*
3. Michael Woods, Canada	1:10*
4. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S.	1:12*
5. Michael Storer, Australia	1:25*
6. Aleksandr Vlasov, Russia	1:40*
7. Dylan Teuns, Belgium	1:40*
8. Simon Geschke, Germany	2:11*
9. Mathieu Burgaudeau, France	5:04*
10. Damiano Caruso, Italy	5:04*
Also	
12. Neilson Powless, U.S.	5:45*
14. Brandon McNulty, U.S.	5:54*
21. Sepp Kuss, U.S.	5:57*
63. Joe Dombrowski, U.S.	20:45*
84. Quinn Simmons, U.S.	24:59*

OVERALL STANDINGS	
1. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark	64:28:09
2. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia	2:22*
3. Geraint Thomas, Great Britain	2:43*
4. Nairo Quintana, Colombia	4:15*
5. David Gaudu, France	4:24*
6. Adam Yates, Great Britain	5:28*
7. Louis Meintjes, South Africa	5:46*
8. Aleksandr Vlasov, Russia	6:18*
9. Romain Bardet, France	6:37*
10. Thomas Pidcock, Great Britain	10:11*
Also	
13. Neilson Powless, U.S.	18:02*
21. Sepp Kuss, U.S.	44:52*
23. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S.	56:2*
24. Brandon McNulty, U.S.	1:00:05*
51. Joe Dombrowski, U.S.	1:46:43*
67. Quinn Simmons, U.S.	2:20:10*

YOUNG RIDERS STANDINGS	
1. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia	64:30:31
2. Thomas Pidcock, Great Britain	7:49*
3. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S.	54:00*
4. Brandon McNulty, U.S.	57:43*
5. Andreas Leknessund, Norway	1:17:20*
6. Michael Storer, Australia	1:18:33*
7. Kevin Gieniets, Luxembourg	1:42:16*
8. Geo Zimmerman, Germany	1:52:25*
9. Fred Wright, United Kingdom	2:03:37*
10. Quinn Simmons, U.S.	2:17:48*

MOUNTAIN STANDINGS	PTS
1. Simon Geschke, Germany	58
2. Louis Meintjes, South Africa	39
3. Neilson Powless, U.S.	37
4. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark	36
5. Giulio Ciccone, Italy	35
6. Pierre Latour, France	35
7. Thomas Pidcock, Great Britain	28
8. Anthony Perez, France	26
9. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia	26
10. Wout van Aert, Belgium	25

UPCOMING STAGES
July 20 — Stage 17: Saint Gaudens—Peyragudes, mountain, 129.7 (80)
July 21 — Stage 18: Lourdes—Hautacam, mountain, 143.2 (89)
July 22 — Stage 19: Castelnau—Magnocacahors, flat 188.3 (117)
July 23 — Stage 20: La Capelle—Marival-Rocamadour, individual time-trial, 40.7 (25)
July 24 — Stage 21: Paris La Defense Arena—Paris Champs-Elysees, flat, 115.6 (71)

TENNIS

HAMBURG EUROPEAN OPEN Tuesday at Am Rothenbaum Rot-Weiss Tennis Club, Hamburg, Germany, outdoors, Red clay
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#1 Carlos Alcaraz d. Nicola Kuhn, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6(3).
Emil Ruusuvuori d. #3 Diego Schwartzman, 7-5, 6-4.
#4 Pablo Carreno Busta d. Luca Nardi, 6-2, 6-1.
Aslan Karatsev d. #6 Nikoloz Basilashvili, 6-4, 6-0.
Tallon Griekspoor d. #8 Holger Rune, 7-6(8), 7-5.
Borna Coric d. Laslo Djere, 1-6, 7-6(4), 6-3.
Fabio Fognini d. Aljaz Bedene, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6(5).
Filip Krjajnovic d. Sebastian Baez, 6-1, 4-6, 7-6(6).
Daniel Elie Galan d. Federico Coria, 7-6(4), 6-4.
Francisco Cerundolo d. Daniel Altmaier, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#3 Barbora Krejickova d. Magdalena Frech, 6-3, 6-0.
#8 Andrea Petkovic d. Misaki Doi, 6-4, 6-3.
Katerina Siniakova d. Laura Pigossi, 6-1, 6-1.
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#1 Anett Kontaveit d. Irina Bara, 6-3, 7-6(3).
Bernarda Pera d. #9 Elena-Gabriela Ruse, 6-0, 6-4.
Joanne Zuger d. Jule Niemeier, 6-4, 0-6, 6-4.
Aleksandra Krunic d. Sabine Lisicki, 6-4, 6-2.

WTA PALERMO LADIES OPEN Tuesday at Country Time Club, Palermo, Italy, outdoors, Red clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#2 Yulia Putintseva d. Jaimee Fourlis, 6-3, 6-1.
#5 Caroline Garcia d. Chloe Paquet, 6-7(2), 6-2, 6-2.
#7 Anna Bondar d. Clara Burel, 6-4, 6-4.
#8 Nuria Parrizas Diaz d. Asia Muhammad, 4-6, 7-5, 7-5.
Lucia Bronzetti d. Wang Xiyu, 6-3, 6-3.
Panna Udvardy d. Lucrezia Stefanini, 6-1, 7-6(4).
Elisabetta Cocciaretto d. Sara Errani, 6-1, 6-0.
Julia Grabher d. Wang Xinyu, 6-3, 6-3.
Diane Parry d. Lauren Davis, 7-6(5), 6-2.
Elina Avanesyan d. Carolina M. Alves, 6-2, 5-7, 6-1.

ATP SWISS OPEN Tuesday at Roy Emerson Arena, Gstaad, Switzerland, outdoors, Red clay
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
Yannick Hanfmann d. #6 Cristian Garin, 6-3, 6-4.
Dominic Thiem d. #7 Hugo Gaston, 1-6, 6-1, 7-6(7).
Jaume Munar d. Bernabe Zapata Miralles, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.
Richard Gasquet d. Roberto Carballes Baena, 7-5, 6-4.
Elias Ymer d. Benoit Paire, 6-2, 2-0, ret.
Juan Pablo Varillas d. Lorenzo Sonego, 7-6(5), 6-2.
Nicolas Jarry d. Thiago Monteiro, 6-7(9), 7-6(4), 7-6(6).
Dominic Stephan Stricker d. Marc-Andrea Huesler, 6-7(2), 7-6(2), 6-4.

ATP SINGLES RANKINGS	
1. Daniil Medvedev, Russia	7,775
2. Alexander Zverev, Germany	6,850
3. Rafael Nadal, Spain	6,165
4. Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greece	5,045
5. Casper Ruud, Norway	4,890
6. Carlos Alcaraz, Spain	4,845
7. Novak Djokovic, Serbia	4,770
8. Andrey Rublev, Russia	3,540
9. Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada	3,445
10. Jannik Sinner, Italy	3,185
11. Cameron Norrie, Great Britain	3,155
12. Hubert Hurkacz, Poland	3,025
13. Taylor Fritz, U.S.	2,975
14. Diego Schwartzman, Argentina	2,325
15. Matteo Berrettini, Italy	2,280
16. Marin Cilic, Croatia	2,130
17. Reilly Opelka, U.S.	2,055
18. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria	1,740
19. Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain	1,623
20. Gael Monfils, France	1,615
21. Denis Shapovalov, Canada	1,573
22. John Isner, U.S.	1,558
23. Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain	1,510
24. Alex de Minaur, Australia	1,460
25. Botic Van de Zandschulp, Neth.	1,455
26. Karen Khachanov, Russia	1,440
27. Holger Rune, Denmark	1,412
28. Nikoloz Basilashvili, Georgia	1,380
29. Frances Tiafoe, U.S.	1,349
30. Francisco Cerundolo, Argentina	1,302
31. Miomir Kecmanovic, Serbia	1,271
32. Sebastian Baez, Argentina	1,263
33. Maxime Cressy, U.S.	1,252
34. Tommy Paul, U.S.	1,195
35. A. Davidovich Fokina, Spain	1,130
36. Daniel Evans, Great Britain	1,128
37. Aslan Karatsev, Russia	1,103
38. Oscar Otte, Germany	1,097
39. Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan	1,065
40. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain	1,040
41. Jensen Brooksby, U.S.	1,037
42. Emil Ruusuvuori, Finland	1,015
43. Filip Krjajnovic, Serbia	1,010

WTA SINGLES RANKINGS	
1. Iga Swiatek, Poland	8,336
2. Anett Kontaveit, Estonia	4,326
3. Maria Sakkari, Greece	4,190
4. Paula Badosa, Spain	4,030
5. Ons Jabeur, Tunisia	4,010
6. Aryna Sabalenka, Belarus	3,267
7. Jessica Pegula, U.S.	3,087
8. Danielle Collins, U.S.	3,022
9. Garbine Muguruza, Spain	2,886
10. Emma Raducanu, Gr. Britain	2,717
11. Coco Gauff, U.S.	2,647
12. Daria Kasatkina, Russia	2,635
13. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland	2,635
14. Leylah Annie Fernandez, Canada	2,588
15. Karolina Pliskova, Czech Rep.	2,477
16. Simona Halep, Romania	2,415
17. Jelen Ostapenko, Latvia	2,302
18. Veronika Kudermetova, Russia	2,090
19. Barbora Krejickova, Cz Rep	2,074
20. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus	2,016
21. Jil Teichmann, Switzerland	2,014
22. Amanda Anisimova, U.S.	1,831
23. Elena Rybakina, Kazakhstan	1,805
24. Martina Trevisan, Italy	1,789
25. Petra Kvitova, Czech Republic	1,786
26. Beatriz Haddad Maia, Brazil	1,782
27. Madison Keys, U.S.	1,725
28. Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia	1,691
29. Camila Giorgi, Italy	1,689
30. Elise Mertens, Belgium	1,515
31. Angelique Kerber, Germany	1,419
32. Alison Riske, U.S.	1,401
33. Sorana Cirstea, Romania	1,330
34. Kaia Kanepi, Estonia	1,317
35. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Belarus	1,311
36. Zhang Shuai, China	1,290
37. Alize Cornet, France	1,242
38. Naomi Osaka, Japan	1,235
39. Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan	1,235
40. Alison van Uytvanck, Belgium	1,235
41. Sara Sorribes Tormo, Spain	1,211
42. Elina Svitolina, Ukraine	1,201
43. Shelby Rogers, U.S.	1,179

ODDS

MLB THURSDAY NATIONAL LEAGUE			
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at LA Dodgers	off	San Francisco	Off
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
at Houston	-115	NY Yankees	+105
at Houston	off	NY Yankees	off
at Oakland	-114	Detroit	+104
at Oakland	off	Detroit	off
INTERLEAGUE			
at Miami	off	Texas	off
WORLD SERIES WINNER			
NY Yankees	3-1	LA Dodgers	13-4
Houston	9-2	NYk Mets	8-1
Atlanta	19-2	Toronto	15-1
Milwaukee	16-1	San Diego	22-1
Boston	35-1	Minnesota	40-1
Seattle	40-1	St. Louis	40-1
Tampa Bay	40-1	Ch White Sox	45-1
Philadelphia	45-1	San Francisco	50-1
Cleveland	100-1	Baltimore	200-1
LA Angels	200-1	Miami	200-1
Detroit	1000-1	Texas	1000-1
Arizona	1500-1	Chi Cubs	2000-1
Cincinnati	2000-1	Colorado	2000-1
Kansas City	2000-1	Oakland	2000-1
Pittsburgh	2000-1	Washington	2000-1
For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook. https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/			

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	19	6	.760	—
Connecticut	17	9	.654	2½
Washington	16	11	.593	4
Atlanta	11	14	.440	8
New York	9	16	.360	10
Indiana	5	22	.185	15
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	18	7	.720	—
Seattle	17	8	.680	1
Dallas	11	14	.440	7
Los Angeles	10	14	.417	7½
Phoenix	11	16	.407	8
Minnesota	10	17	.370	9

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Connecticut 82, New York 63
Atlanta at Las Vegas, late
Indiana at Los Angeles, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Seattle at Chicago, 12p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
New York at Washington, 11:30a.m.
Atlanta at Los Angeles, 3:30p.m.
Indiana at Las Vegas, 10p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Connecticut at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 10p.m.

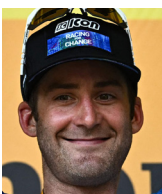
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TOUR SCORING AVERAGE			
PGA TOUR	RD	AVG	TOT
1. Rory Mcllroy	50	68.595	3,457
2. Matt Fitzpatrick	61	69.064	4,040
3. Cameron Smith	58	69.132	3,725
4. Scottie Scheffler	85	69.259	5,105
5. Shane Lowry	53	69.448	3,204
6. Justin Thomas	67	69.453	4,410
7. Xander Schauffele	67	69.463	4,145
8. Patrick Cantlay	59	69.518	3,606
9. Tommy Fleetwood	61	69.653	3,909
10. Sam Burns	72	69.690	4,721
11. Collin Morikawa	56	69.839	3,353
12. Will Zalatoris	71	69.858	4,336
13. Jon Rahm	62	69.869	4,055
14. Denny McCarthy	90	69.876	6,142
15. Cameron Young	69	69.883	4,618
16. Keith Mitchell	79	69.906	5,148

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

An emotional stage victory at Tour



Canadian cyclist Hugo Houle claimed a special first-ever grand tour stage victory on Tuesday, while Jonas Vingegaard stayed in the overall lead of the Tour de France after a tough 16th stage as the race hit the Pyrenees. Houle attacked on the approach to the final climb, the top category Mur de Péguère, and held off the group of chasers from the remnants of the breakaway to finish one minute, 10 seconds ahead of Valentin Madouas and Israel-Premier Tech teammate Michael Woods. The 31-year-old Houle, above, reached his arms out in celebration on the approach to the line and pointed to the sky in memory of his brother, Pierrick, who was killed 10 years ago in a hit-and-run car accident while out jogging. “This one is for my brother,” he could be heard saying after the 111-mile leg from Carcassone to Foix. It was only the second time a Canadian has won a stage in the Tour, and the first in 34 years. Two-time defending champ Tadej Pogačar crossed the line with Vingegaard, who has a lead of 2:22 over Pogačar and 2:43 over 2018 champ Geraint Thomas.

Osaka returning to tourney action



Naomi Osaka committed next month’s WTA tournament in San Jose, California, her first appearance since a first-round loss at the French Open on May 23. The four-time Grand Slam winner accepted a wild-card entry into the Mubadala Silicon Valley Classic on Monday. Osaka, 24, withdrew from Wimbledon due to a nagging injury to her left Achilles. The tournament begins on Aug. 1. Osaka joins a field that includes Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina, World No. 5 and Wimbledon runner-up Ons Jabeur and American teenager Coco Gauff. Osaka made her WTA main-draw debut at the event, held at Stanford University, in 2014 at age 16 and advanced to her first main draw. In a statement posted by the WTA, tournament director Vickie Gunnarsson said: “We are very excited to have Naomi Osaka returning to the Bay Area. She made her WTA debut at our event and watching her grow both on and off the court has been amazing. She is not only an incredible player but her commitment to equality and social change is truly inspiring.”

Hanyu’s competitive days are over



Two-time Olympic champion Yuzuru Hanyu of Japan is stepping away from competitive figure skating, he said Tuesday. Hanyu seemed to leave the door open to a possible return of some sort. However, most of his focus seemed to be on skating professionally in exhibitions. “This never ends,” Hanyu said. “I’m not retiring or anything. I’m going to be better and I will work hard in my performances in a way that will make you think I am worth watching. I don’t like the word ‘retirement’ so I don’t really want to use it.” Hanyu won back-to-back gold medals at the 2014 Sochi Games and the 2018 Pyeongchang Olympics. But he finished fourth in Beijing five months ago and had been noncommittal until Tuesday’s news conference at Tokyo hotel. “I’m not going to participate in competitions from now on,” he said. “Of all the things I’ve done so far, I think I’ve gotten what I should have in terms of results from competitions. I also feel that I will no longer seek these kind of evaluations.” The 27-year-old Japanese skater is also a two-time world champion. —News services



South African runner Caster Semenya, who was assigned female at birth and identifies as a woman, has an intersex condition that leads to higher testosterone levels than the average female. She has been banned from the women’s 800 meters. **AP FILE**

TRACK AND FIELD

Fair play hard to define

Rules on intersex, trans athletes will get review

By Gerald Imray
Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Champion runner Caster Semenya heads into this year’s world championships with virtually no chance to win. On Wednesday in Eugene, Oregon, the 31-year-old, three-time world champion at 800 meters will run instead in the 5,000-meter race. She isn’t considered a serious medal contender. It’s the first time since she started dominating her favorite distance well over a decade ago that anybody has said that. The South African chose to run in a race she doesn’t really want to be in, and one she’s not so good at, because she has declined to submit to rules in track and field that demand she take hormone-reducing treatments if she wants to enter the 800. They are rules that Semenya, in a statement through her lawyer, calls “an affront to the spirit of the sport.” Semenya was assigned female at birth, was raised as a girl and identifies as a woman. She has an intersex condition called 46,XY differences in sex development that causes male and female traits and a testosterone level higher than the typical female range. She was banned from her best event after losing her appeal of a World Athletics regulation that made women with her condition ineligible for some races. She is not transgender. Still, her case, and those involving others who have

similar intersex conditions, carries strong implications for how transgender athletes are treated and classified. Semenya’s situation, and the similar plight of 200-meter Olympic silver medalist Christine Mboma, are the most relevant illustrations of how complex track’s rules are regarding the participation of women who have high natural testosterone and what some say is an unfair athletic advantage over other women. For instance, the rules, which will be revisited soon, bar Semenya and others from running distances between 400 meters and 1 mile unless they suppress their testosterone. They’re free to run in other events. So, while Mboma has been eligible to run in the 200, Semenya must sit out of the 800. Mboma is injured this summer and didn’t travel to Eugene. Semenya wasn’t expected to come either, but out of nowhere, her name showed up on the start list for the longer race. The related but separate issue of transgender women in sports again burst into the spotlight last month when international leaders in swimming made their own rules change. They banned transgender women from elite competitions if they hadn’t begun medical treatment to suppress testosterone production before either the onset of puberty or by age 12, whichever comes later. World Athletics President Sebastian Coe quickly showed his support for swimming’s move and said track’s governing body would review its rules by the end of the year, likely with a view to making them stricter. “The balance between inclusivity and fairness will always, in my view,

fall now on the side of fairness,” Coe said on the eve of these worlds, indicating where track might be going when its rule-makers meet in November. Such a recalibration of the rules would likely only hurt, not help, Semenya’s cause. In a rare interview she gave on HBO’s “Real Sports” earlier this year, she said she once told track officials: “It’s fine. I’m a female, I don’t care. If you want to see I’m a woman, I will show you my vagina. All right?” Critics of World Athletics say its recent trend of essentially lumping together the transgender and intersex issues is problematic. Coe has often used the phrase “biology trumps identity” as a catch-all defense for restrictions in both, breezing over the nuance. Track’s two rule sets do have cross-over in that both, broadly, require athletes to reduce their natural testosterone to compete. While the DSD regulations, in place since 2019, have real-life impact on athletes and careers, transgender regulations don’t at this point because there are no transgender women in top-level track and field. Neither are there in swimming. As much as the decision in swimming, a major catalyst for World Athletics’ move to revisit its rules might have been the arrival of the young Namibian sprinter, Mboma. She won a silver medal in the 200 — a distance at which she remains eligible — at last year’s Tokyo Olympics, her first major meet. The win came just months after Mboma was forced to switch from the 400 because of high natural testosterone.

GOLF COMMENTARY

Major misses still sting for McIlroy

By Doug Ferguson | Associated Press

The trouble with winning so much so early is that the losing can feel worse than it really is. The British Open stung Rory McIlroy, even if he said it wasn’t life or death. It might have hurt even more than his 80 in the final round of the 2011 Masters. He was only 21 back then, without a major, when talent exceeded expectations. But then he won a U.S. Open with a record score at Congressional later that year. He won the PGA Championship the following year at Kiawah Island. And two years later, he added his name to the claret jug at Royal Liverpool and won another PGA Championship just four weeks apart. Four majors in four years. Only three other players in the previous century had that many at age 25 or younger — Bobby Jones, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods. McIlroy is now 33 and still has four majors, not to mention some gray hair around the edges. His popularity is just as great now as it was then, if not more. Disappointment? Sure. McIlroy now has gone 30 majors since winning his last one. Perhaps more surprising is the British Open was the first time during that drought he was atop the leaderboard after 54 holes. He did little wrong, and even less right. Imagine having a share of the 54-hole lead in a major, hitting every green in regulation and still not winning. McIlroy two-putted every green. He had two-putt birdies after reaching the par-5 fifth in two and driving the green on the par-4 10th. The hole really appeared to shrink when Cameron Smith ran off five straight birdies to start the back nine and took the lead. “I had to dig deep to make birdies and I just couldn’t,” McIlroy said. Just don’t get the idea McIlroy was the only player who left St. Andrews — along with two other majors this year — feeling as though he should have won. It only felt that way because so many wanted him to win. Save a thought for Cameron Young. He drove into the gorse on the reachable par-4 ninth and turned a look at birdie into a bogey. Young missed a 6-foot birdie chance on the 15th. He wasted a big, bold tee shot on the 16th when his wedge came up short and rolled down the ridge. His two shots on the 17th were better than McIlroy’s, only to leave his birdie chance short. And needing something special to have any chance, he drove the 18th green and holed a 15-foot eagle putt that was only good for a silver medal. He will have just as many “what if” moments as McIlroy. And that’s just from St. Andrews. Young, the best PGA Tour rookie this year, also made a three-putt double bogey on the 16th hole to finish one shot out of a playoff at the PGA Championship. Will Zalatoris wasn’t a factor at St. Andrews. He had to settle for a pair of runner-ups in the majors this year. One player stands out over the others, and it’s a product of expectations. Jordan Spieth knows the feeling. He won the Masters and U.S. Open, was one putt away from a playoff at St. Andrews for the third leg of the Grand Slam, and was runner-up in the PGA. That’s a once-in-a-career performance in the majors. Spieth was 21, in his third year as a pro. Good luck living up to that, though it’s a nice problem to have. Does it make it worse or better that McIlroy was the only player to finish in the top 10 at all four majors this year without winning? The last player to do that was Rickie Fowler in 2014, a distant memory because Fowler hasn’t won a major (and now is on the verge of falling out of the top 150 in the world ranking). There is some truth to McIlroy’s immediate assessment Sunday evening. He was beat more than he lost. Smith shot 30 on the back nine — Jack Nicklaus (1986) and Gary Player (1978) did that when they won the Masters — and his 64 was the lowest closing score by an Open champion at St. Andrews. “I’ve just got to keep putting myself in position, keep putting myself in there,” McIlroy said. Worse than not winning at St. Andrews was so rarely putting himself in that position the last eight years. Only three times in his previous 29 majors had he started the final round closer than five shots behind. “Whenever you put yourself in that shining light, you’re going to have to deal with setbacks and failures,” he said. “Today is one of those times. I just have to dust myself off and keep working hard and keep believing.” He has eight months and three weeks until the Masters, his next opportunity. That’s the same wait for Zalatoris and Young, with two exceptions. They are not Rory McIlroy. And they don’t know what they’re missing.



Rory McIlroy, who was third at the British Open, has won four majors in his career but none since 2014. **ANDY BUCHANAN/AFP-GETTY**

OBITUARIES BY TOWN

Avon Muriel L. Kelly Paulette T. Riendeau	Middletown Patricia A. Hutchinson
Berlin Ethel Mae Blake Thomas Bozek	New Britain Elaine Boice Barbara Masciotra Urania Perakos Mary Wright
Bloomfield Shirley Hendricks Berniece Johnson	Newington Stephen M. Arre Elaine Boice
Bristol Muriel L. Kelly Barbara Masciotra Vernon O. Stockman	Old Saybrook Lucy C. Cubeta
East Hampton Patricia A. Hutchinson	Other Towns in CT Herman R. Calderado Alma Silano Henry T. Warkoski
East Hartford Edward Anderson, Jr. John J. Beas, Sr.	Portland Henrietta Prickett
Enfield Margaret A. Spejewski	South Windsor Herman R. Calderado John D. Walsh, Jr.
Farmington Urania Perakos Mary Wright	Southington David J. Dibenedetto Vernon O. Stockman
Glastonbury Richard L. Fyfe	Unionville Paulette T. Riendeau
Hartford Michael Grunberg Berniece Johnson	Vernon Michael Grunberg
Manchester Richard F. Christian Juanita Torres	Wethersfield Thomas Bozek Evelyn P. Dabros
Marlborough Alma Silano	Windsor Stan Jones, Jr.

* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Anderson, Jr., Edward



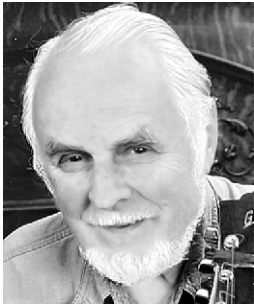
Edward ‘Eddie Spaghetti’ Anderson Jr, 79, of East Hartford, CT passed away tranquilly on the morning of July 12th, at St. Francis Hospital.

Eddie was preceded in death by his Mother; Josephine Webb, three Sisters; Ina Smith, Edna Kovallo, and Josephine Carnegie. He is survived by two Brothers; Walter Anderson and Richard Webb Jr.

Relatives and Friends can join the family for Eddie’s Memorial Service on July 22, 2022 at 12:00 pm at All Faith Memorial Chapel, 90 John Fitch Blvd, South Windsor, CT 06074.

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Fyfe, Richard L.



Richard “Dick” Lewis Fyfe, 91, of Glastonbury, CT, beloved husband of Joanne “Jodi” (Warner) Fyfe, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, July 17th, 2022. Dick was born in Cleveland, OH on August 19th, 1930. He was the son of the late Hilda K. (Watson) Fyfe and stepson of the late Joseph J. Fyfe. As a boy, he lived with his grandparents John Thomas & Emma Watson on their farm



in Moose Run, PA. Later he and his parents moved to Queens, NY where he attended P.S. 12 & Newtown High School (1948). He returned every summer to Moose Run to work with his grandfather and uncles on the farm. In 1947, pursuing his desire to be a cowboy, Dick hitchhiked to the vast prairies of Baca County, CO to work the wheatfields and herd cattle while staying with his Aunt Mary (Watson) Sheesley and her family. In 1951, Dick was “invited” by the U.S. Government to “join them for an overseas adventure in Korea”, where he proudly served with the 8081st Airborne Company and the 187th Regiment as a paratrooper until his honorable discharge in 1953. Dick returned to Long Island where he married Rhoda Ash and had his first two children. He worked as a maintenance mechanic and programmer for the Long Island Lighting Co. while attending night school at Hofstra University, graduating with a B.S. in Geology in 1966. He then worked for Grumman Aircraft Engineering Co. in Bethpage, NY. In 1969, Dick and his family moved to Ridgefield, CT where he worked for the Burndy Corporation. He later worked for AMF, the City of New York, and then for the State of Connecticut as the head of the Data Processing and Information Systems department. Dick moved to Glastonbury, CT in 1978 where he lived the rest of his life. He married Joanne Warner in 1979 and had two children with her. In 1983, Dick began working as a real estate agent in town, and in 1991 became the owner of Down Under Video in South Glastonbury, CT. Dick loved running his own family business, and did so with pride. He worked well into his retirement years as a substitute teacher at Glastonbury High School and as a salesman at Cabela’s. Those who knew Dick will remember him as a man of many passions: a musician in The Portable Folk Festival and his band, The CT River Ramblers, a member of the Glastonbury Yacht Club (Commodore; 1998-99) and boat captain on the CT River, a storyteller, writer, and reader, an artist, a self-taught carpenter and handyman, a dog lover, a pancake chef, an enthusiastic traveler, a decorated veteran, a reliable friend, an easy-going co-worker, a dear brother, uncle, and cousin, and most of all, a proud father and grandfather, and devoted husband. He was a warm, gentle, generous, hard-working, intelligent and talented man, whose passing will be felt deeply. He shared his love of music with many, and his songs will continue to bring joy to all who loved him. Dick will watch over his wife Jodi of 43 years, his four children Roderick Fyfe (Forest Hills, NY), Rhonda Jones & her husband Kevin Jones (Granville, MA), Courtney Fyfe & her husband Evan Labb (Alexandria, VA), Lindsey Fyfe (Deep River, CT), his two darling granddaughters who brought him endless delight, Mackenzie Jones & Stevie Labb, Rosetta Weir, his siblings Patricia Greene, John Fyfe (partner Judy McAdam), June Gatten (John Thomas Gatten), William Fyfe (Susan Fyfe), sisters-in-law Carol Fyfe and Jeanne Dusel-Fyfe, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Dick is predeceased by his parents, his brothers James Fyfe and David Fyfe, his sister-in-law Sheila Fyfe, his mother-in-law Helen (Grogan) Warner, and Rhoda Ash (m.1953-1977). The family would like to thank all of Dick’s medical providers and caregivers, especially those from the Veterans Affairs, Masonicare, and Dynamic Touch Homecare. Calling hours will be held at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave, Glastonbury, CT, on Saturday, July 23, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, with a service immediately following at 12:00 PM. A funeral service and burial will be held at the Advent Church & Cemetery, 1303 Moose Run Rd, Bellefonte, PA, on Tuesday, July 26th at 11:00 AM. For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com.

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OBITUARIES

Hendricks, Shirley



Shirley P. Hendricks, 86, of Bloomfield passed away on July 10, 2022 at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford. Her family will receive friends on Saturday, July 23, 2022 from 10-11 am at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Rd., Windsor followed by a memorial service at 11:00 AM at The Lodge Community Chapel. Carmon Funeral Home has care of arrangements. To leave on-line condolences and read the entire obituary please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Riendeau, Paulette Therese



Paulette Therese Riendeau (Dallaire), age 91, passed away on July 17, 2022 and is now in the arms of her beloved husband of 61 years Sidney Riendeau. She was the daughter of Joseph and Marie Dallaire and was the youngest of their five children. She was born on December 27, 1930 and was raised in Maniwaki, Quebec, Canada.

Upon completing school she began working at The Maniwaki Phone Company. She was very proud of the fact that while working there she was able to convince them to run a phone line to her parent’s house since they lived outside the town limits and had never had phone service before.

She married the love of her life, Sidney in 1949. When he was offered a job at Avon Old Farms School in Avon, CT they both took a deep breath and a leap of faith and came to the United States with their 3 children on December 31st 1952. They first resided in Farmington, CT until moving to Thompson Rd in Avon where they raised all five of their children. In 1978 they bought their home in Unionville where Paulette lived until 2021.

Paulette was a caregiver by nature and after spending many years at home with her children she began working in 1962 at Avon Convalescent Home. In 1982 she became a Certified Nurse’s Aide, which she was very proud of. In addition to working for 25 years at the convalescent home she took on private duty work for 10 years and had some very special clients whom she cared for like family.

In retirement her and Sidney enjoyed summers in Messines, Quebec, Canada on Little Cedar Lake. Their cottage was a vacation spot for their children as well as a gathering place for many other friends and family members. Many wonderful memories were made there. She was a faithful member of St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Unionville, CT where she was a member of the Ladies Guild and The Legion of Mary. She also attended RCIA and became a Eucharistic Minister. She was a past President of The Colombiette’s Uncas Council 32, Unionville, CT. In her later years she enjoyed participating in activities at the Farmington Senior Center and going on outings with Marcie Shepard and the “It’s Good to Get Out” Program.

There was nothing more important to Paulette than her family and close friends. She never passed up an opportunity to be social. Every function she was invited to she happily attended. She loved to share the stories of her life with the generations of her family.

Paulette was predeceased by her husband Sidney in 2010 and is survived by her five children; Garry Riendeau (Becky), Gail Campochario (Bob), Shelley Hains (Guy), Keith Riendeau (Joanne) and Kenneth Riendeau as well as her eight grandchildren, Nicole Pugliese (Chris), Scott Hains, (Eileen), Erin Caruso (Joe), Greg Hains (Maria), Melinda Plourde (Mark), Kevin Riendeau, Tim and Jeff Hains. Paulette was also blessed with 17 great-grandchildren. Her family brought her much joy throughout her life. Paulette also leaves behind her niece Joette Jolivet who she helped to raise and loved like a sister.

Friends may call at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main St., Rt. 4, Unionville on Friday (July 22) from 4:00-7:00pm. Funeral procession from The Ahern Funeral Home will be Saturday (July 23) at 9:15am followed by the Funeral Liturgy in the Church of St. Mary Star of the Sea, Unionville at 10:00am. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Avon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Church of St. Mary Star of the Sea, 16 Bidwell Square, Unionville, CT 06085 or to the Knights of Columbus, Uncas Council #32, 301 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT 06085. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Silano, Alma (Dahlen)



Alma (Dahlen) Silano passed away on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at the age of 103. Her daughter was by her side. She married the late Michael Silano in 1940 and celebrated 69 years of marriage.

Alma was born October 28, 1918, in Harwinton, CT, the daughter of the late Bernard and Philomena “Minnie”

(Rinaldi) Dahlen. She was a graduate of Western Connecticut State University and taught elementary grades with the Harwinton school system for 40 years, until her retirement. She was a Charter Member of the Harwinton Women’s Club where she belonged to from 1965 to the present.

Alma was a wonderful cook and hostess that always had a place at her table for anyone. We will miss her fabulous food and parties.

She is survived by two daughters, Margaret Fusco (Andrew) of Marlborough, CT, Rosemary Pennington (Gary) of Fairlawn, OH; five grandchildren, Michael Silano (Marlene), John Fusco, David Fusco (Monica), Katie Pennington, Jackie Pennington; two great grandchildren Jack and Maddie Silano, as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Frederick Silano, one brother, Bernard Dahlen, and two sisters, Bernice Sirota, and June Scoville.

The family would like to thank Brandywine of Litchfield and Vitas Hospice for their compassionate care.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, July 25, 2022, with the cortege leaving at 10:30 a.m. from Cook Funeral Home, 82 Litchfield St., Torrington, to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Our Lady of Hope Parish), 78 Litchfield Rd., Harwinton, CT. Burial will follow at St. Francis New Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call on Monday morning from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at Cook Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association (www.alz.org)

Condolences may be sent to Alma’s family by visiting www.cookfuneralhome.com

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Perakos, Urania "Uky"



Urania “Uky” (Kikis) Perakos, 101, of Boynton Beach, FL passed away Monday (July 18, 2022) at her home. Uky was born in Youngstown, Ohio December 15, 1920 to Areti (nee Polychron) and Thomas Kikis. She was raised in a very close knit Greek-American family with strong ties to the Greek Orthodox Church. She spent most of her childhood in

New Rochelle, New York where she graduated from the New Rochelle High School. Following this, Uky attended Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia. She went on to work at Terrytoons, Inc. as an account executive.

In 1946 Uky married Captain Steven E. Perakos of the U.S. Marine Corps. The couple resided in Boston, Massachusetts briefly before making their home in New Britain, Connecticut. Mrs. Perakos devoted much of her young adult life to raising her children, Peter and Thomas and serving her New Britain church community, as well as other New Britain community organizations. At the Saint George Greek Orthodox Church there, Uky was the first woman to be elected to the church’s Parish Council. Additionally, she taught Sunday school, was the first president of the Philoptochos Society and served as president of the Daughters of Penelope, a society of Greek American women.

In the greater New Britain community, Uky served as president of the New Britain General Hospital Auxiliary and was on the New Britain General Hospital Board of Directors for many years. Her community involvement also extended to the Lawyers’ Auxiliary of which she served as president and a general member.

In 1979, Mrs. Perakos became a part time resident of Florida until moving to Florida permanently in 2015. Always active and generous with her time, Uky served on the Board of Directors of the Bethesda Memorial Hospital in Boynton Beach. She was a devout and valued member of the Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church in Boca Raton, Florida. She was very active in the Philoptochos Society of the church community as well. She became a member and resident of the Quail Ridge Country Club, a community which she loved. An avid golfer, tennis player and exceptional bridge player, Uky made friends easily. Noteworthy were her energy, phenomenal cooking and her keen intellect and unconditional love of her family until the very end of her life. She will be missed and will be remembered by all who loved her for her generosity, beautiful smile and wonderful sense of humor.

Mrs. Perakos is predeceased by her beloved husband, Attorney Steven Perakos, her sister Helen Chaltas, her bother Peter Kikis and her sister-in-law Helen Kalevas Kikis. She is survived by her children Peter George and Thomas Steven, her daughter-in-law, Deborah, her grandchildren, Nicole Ann and Steven Peter, her great grandchildren Cleo and Henry, her nephew Thomas Peter and his children, her sister-in-law Marilyn Perakos and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral Services will be held at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 337 East 74th Street, New York City on Saturday (July 23) at 9:30 AM. She will be laid to rest in Millbrook, New York in the Kikis family plot with her beloved husband. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 301 West Main Street, New Britain, CT 06052 or St. Marks Greek Orthodox Church 2100 Yamato Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, CT is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com



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Torres, Juanita Ortiz



Juanita Ortiz Torres passed peacefully surrounded by her family on July 5, 2022. She was the daughter of Jose Ortiz and Maria Torres and was predeceased by a sister and two brothers. Juanita was 87 years old and was married to Reyes Santos Martinez who passed 6 years earlier. We were blessed to have spent so much time with her and to be at her side

as she passed at the same hour as her husband and on the date of their 68th wedding anniversary. She was blessed with a large and loving family.

She is survived by her daughters, Carmen, Maria de los Angeles, Gladys, Magdalena and Norma; along with her son’s Reyes Jr., Juan and Jose. Juanita was predeceased by two of her children, Maria Antonia and Julia. She has 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; she was a special godmother to many of her friends’ children and countless others in her church community.

Apart from raising nine children she was a woman of faith who served her community tirelessly along with her husband who was a deacon in the catholic church. Juanita will be missed and cherished for her strength of character, sense of humor and convictions. She had a strong work ethic and was a persistent believer in self advocacy. She insisted on fairness, truth and honesty. She was above all a loving mother who taught us all the value of hard work, perseverance, self respect and speaking up for yourself. She dedicated much of her life to service to the community both in Puerto Rico and in Connecticut.

While she taught us many lessons she did teach us the importance of family and service to others. She was a modest woman who despite her diminutive size was strong, lively and feisty. Juanita would wish for her children and all those who knew her to remember her kindness, strong faith and love and she would want us all to move forward in peace always doing good deeds.

Calling hours are at Tierney Funeral Home, 219 West Center St, Manchester, CT., on Friday, July 22 from 9:00 a.m. till 10:30 a.m., with mass at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of the Assumption, 27 Adams St. So., Manchester, followed by interment at East Cemetery. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you consider a donation to Connecticut Food Share to feed the hungry, go to www.ctfoodshare.org in the name of Juanita Ortiz Torres.



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Arre, Stephen M.



Stephen M. Arre, 91, of Newington, died peacefully on Sunday, July 17, 2022. He was the beloved husband of Barbara (Kopczewski) Arre for the past 62 years. Born in New Britain, son of the late Vito and Antoinette (Giannini) Arre, he was a lifelong Newington resident. Steve was a proud U. S. Air Force Veteran of the Korean War. He retired from Stop & Shop after many years of employment and was a member of the Polish American Club and the New Britain Ski Club and was an avid NY Yankees fan. He was a true craftsman and loved spending time in his shed working on projects for their home. A loving and devoted father, he leaves his daughter Cheryl Arre and his son Stephan Arre, both of Newington. He also leaves his sister and brother-in-law Rose and Bill King of Newington, his sister-in-law Carol Jordan of Berlin; and many nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by four sisters, Jean Oberstadt, Lil Miller, Grace Arre, and Lucille Giantonio. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Friday, July 22, 2022, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:30 am at St. Mary's Church, Newington. He will be laid to rest with military honors in West Meadow Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 06111. To share a memory with his family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Boice, Elaine (Buchholz)

Elaine (Buchholz) Boice, 80, of Newington, passed away on Tuesday, July 19, 2022. She was the beloved wife of the late Anson Boice. Born in New Britain, daughter of the late Ernest and Teresa (Garauder) Buchholz, she was Newington resident for 56 years. Elaine retired from Keeney Manufacturing after many years of employment. A loving mother and grandmother, she leaves her three children, Glenn Boice of Newington, Scott Boice of Newington, and Michael Boice and his wife Leah of Ellington, and two granddaughters, Caitlin and Emily Boice. She also leaves her brother Frederick Buchholz of Des Moines, WA and her sister Judy Boucher of Bonita Springs, FL. She was predeceased by her sister Karen Evans. Services will be private with Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. Memorial donations may be made in her name to the Angelman Syndrome Foundation at www.angelman.org. To share a memory with her family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Dabros, Evelyn P.



Evelyn P. Dabros, 88, of Wethersfield, died Sunday, July 17, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 50 years, Henry J. Dabros. Evelyn was born in New York, NY daughter of the late Albert and Mae (Crimmins) Plympton. She worked at Society for Savings, was an elementary school teacher in Hartford, and co-owned Paperback Trader & Comics in West Hartford. She graduated from Central Connecticut State University. Evelyn was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother who was adored by her family. She is survived by two daughters, Susan Ciardiello and her husband, Gary, of New York, NY, and Kathleen Mykytko and her husband, Steven, of Basking Ridge, NJ; six grandchildren, Courtney, Amanda, Ryan, and Jason Ciardiello, Haley and Matthew Mykytko; sisters, Janet Levy of Midlothian, VA and Nancy Strogoff of Norwich, brother Eugene Plympton of Glastonbury; as well as 12 nieces and nephews. A Mass Of Christian Burial will be held Friday, July 22, 2022, 11:00 a.m. at The Church Of The Incarnation (Christ The King Parish) 544 Prospect St. Wethersfield, CT. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Visiting hours will be held Thursday, July 21, 2022, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Dillon Baxter Funeral Home, 1276 Berlin Tpke. Wethersfield, CT. Memorial donations may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. <http://www.mskcc.org> To share a memory with the family, please visit, www.dillonbaxter.com



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Stockman, Vernon O.



Vernon O. Stockman, 90, of Bristol, was called home to heaven on Saturday, July 16, 2022. He was born on March 27, 1932, son of the late Oscar W. and Malida (Strelau) Stockman. Vernon was the loving husband of the late Gertrude Mae (Schoenfeld) Stockman until her passing in 1981. He was a lifetime resident of Bristol and worked at Superior Electric as an accountant for 30 years until his retirement in 1986. Vernon also served on the Bristol Republican Town Committee, and as an officer at Immanuel Lutheran Church. He enjoyed golf and attending the Travelers Championship. Vernon was also an avid fan of the UCONN Women's and Men's Basketball teams. Vernon is survived by his daughter Debora Finn and her husband Mark of Bristol; brothers Robert E. Stockman of AZ, Ronald W. Stockman of Oxford; Brother-in-law Ernest E. Schoenfeld of Bristol and long-time companion Caryl P. Quint of WA. Besides his wife and parents, Vernon was pre-deceased by his brother Norman Stockman. The family would like to thank the staff of The Summit at Plantsville and Athena hospice for their patience, kindness and caring, especially the CNA's and nurses who made him comfortable. Calling hours will be held on Friday, July 22, 2022 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 154 Meadow Street Bristol, CT 06010 starting at 10AM until a service that will begin at 11AM. Burial will follow at West Cemetery, Bristol. Memorial donations can be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 154 Meadow Street Bristol, CT 06010. To leave an online message of condolence, share a memory or a photo, please visit Vernon's tribute page at www.OBrien-FuneralHome.com.



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Johnson, Berniece



Berniece (Hooker) Johnson, 97, of Windsor, Connecticut, departed this life on July 8, 2022. She was born in Lakeland, Florida on August 12, 1924, to the late Charles and Lillie Mae (Brewington) Hooker. She was the loving wife of the late Earl Johnson. Berniece was a faithful servant and one of the founding members of Hope Seventh Day Adventist Church where she served for over 40 years. She started the Food Share Program at the church to feed and support families in the community. Berniece Johnson wore many hats, as she was a factory worker, beautician, and worked at Battison's Cleaners. In the past, she served as President of the Greater Hartford Negro Republican Club, a Justice of the Peace, and she also went door to door registering people to vote. Berniece, along with her many accolades, was a frequent traveler. Although Berniece Johnson did not have children of her own, she leaves to cherish her memory many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews and her goddaughter. Berniece will also be missed by friends, neighbors and church members.

A celebration of Berniece's life will take place on Friday, July 22, 2022, at 11:00am with a visitation from 10:00am to 11:00am at Hope Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1052 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, CT, 06002. Interment will be held at Cedar Hill Cemetery, 453 Fairfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114. To leave a message of comfort for the Johnson family please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com



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Kelly, Muriel L. Baum



Muriel Louise Baum Kelly, 98, passed away peacefully at her home in Bristol on Friday July 15, 2022. She was reunited with her husband Russell, who passed in 2016. Muriel was born on September 19, 1923 and is survived by her son Richard Kelly and his wife Carolyn of Cheshire; her daughter Donna and her husband James Doucette, Sr. of Bristol; six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her parents Thomas and Violet Baum and her brother Charles L. Baum. Muriel had a wonderful sense of humor and often said "That is what keeps you going and helps you go through life". She experienced the great depression and World War 2; working for the defense contractor, Raytheon Company. Family meant everything to her and said many times "I had a wonderful life, family and friends", she also valued her faith and friendships at Avon Memorial United Methodist Church. The family wishes to thank the wonderful aides that cared for her from Companions and Homemakers and from Bristol Hospital Hospice and her nurses Allison and Sandra. As everyone who knew her, already knows, she was born on a little island in Maine, Vinalhaven, where she will be laid to rest next to Russ, at a later date. Calling hours will be held on Saturday July 23, 2022 from 2PM until 4PM at O'Brien Funeral Home, 24 Lincoln Ave., Bristol. In lieu of flowers donations in Muriel's memory may be made to either: Memorial United Methodist Church, 867 West Avon Rd., Avon, CT 06001 or to Union Church of Vinalhaven, 25 East Main Street, Vinalhaven, ME 04863. To leave an online message of condolence, share a memory or a photo, please visit Muriel's tribute page at www.OBrien-FuneralHome.com



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Masciotra, Barbara (Browne)



Barbara (Browne) Masciotra, 89, of New Britain, wife of 69 years to Anthony R. Masciotra, Sr., passed away Tuesday (July 12, 2022) at Monsignor Bojnowski Manor. Born in Hartford, daughter of the late John and Catherine Browne, she lived in New Britain since 1953. Barbara worked for over 40 years with the State of Connecticut, most of those employed in the Business Office at Central CT State University until her retirement. She also worked at the information desk of New Britain General Hospital. She was a longtime parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi Church in New Britain.

Besides her husband Anthony Sr., she leaves two sons, Anthony Masciotra Jr., and his wife Erin of Portland, OR; and John Masciotra of New Britain; five grandchildren, Mara Kelly Masciotra, Conner Kelly Masciotra, Jeannine Simpson, Alyssa Maria Masciotra and John "Jack" Masciotra; as well as great grandchildren, Mark Simpson, Charlotte Simpson and Sloane Kelly Stahle. Barbara was predeceased by a son, Michael E. Masciotra in 1998.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday (July 25, 2022) 10 AM at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 1755 Stanley Street, New Britain. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. There will not be calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Monsignor Bojnowski Manor, 50 Pulaski Street, New Britain, CT 06053. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com



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Beas, Sr., John J.



John J. Beas, Sr., 75 of East Hartford, CT, passed away suddenly on July 9, 2022, peacefully with his wife Shirley (Davis) and other family members by his side. John was born in Johnstown, PA in 1946, of the late Herbert A. Beas and Betty Ann Dollack. He graduated from Franklin High School in Johnstown and enlisted in the Army. He served in the 11th Armored Calvary Regiment where he volunteered for the Vietnam War and served in HHT 3/11 from 1966-1967. He married the love of his life in 1971 and relocated to East Hartford, CT. He worked at Pratt & Whitney as a machinist and was a member of Local 1746 IAMAW where he was a shop steward. He earned a degree in Manufacturing Engineering. During this time, he raised four boys, enjoyed motorcycles, models, and the music of Elvis Presley. He retired after 34 years and was active in many veterans' organizations including: the VVA Post 120, VFW Post 155, the American Legion Post 879, DAV Chapter CT-12, the Blackhorse Association and 11th ACR VVA, to name a few. He enjoyed feeding birds and solving puzzles during his retirement. He is survived by his wife Shirley Davis, his sons Edward Nugent Jr. and his wife Terry Nugent, Charles Nugent and his wife Nelly Nugent, Herbert A. Beas II and John J. Beas Jr. He is also survived by his three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his siblings, Mary Louise Johncola and her husband Joseph Johncola, Herbert F. Beas and his wife Betty Beas, and Cletus Beas. John's family would like to thank many family friends and neighbors for their support over the years. Calling hours for John will be held Friday, July 22, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Ave, East Hartford, Connecticut 06108. A brief gathering prior to the Cemetery will occur Saturday, July 23, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, 318 Burnside Ave, East Hartford, Connecticut 06108. A Graveside service will occur Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 11:15 AM at Silver Lane Cemetery, 1280 Silver Lane, East Hartford, CT. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.NewkirkandWhitney.com for the Beas family. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to many of the fine veterans' organizations that he loved so much.

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Christian, Richard F.



Richard Francis Christian, 82, of Manchester, beloved husband of Zita (Winterberg) Christian died peacefully at home on July 19, 2022, surrounded by his family. Richard was born in Peterborough, NH, on August 4, 1939, son of the late Homer and Olavine (Cote) Christian. He grew up in Jaffrey, NH, and was a graduate of Conant High School. After serving in the U.S. Army, Richard worked as a finance manager in the auto industry for many years. He was an avid hiker and hiked mountains on both the east and west coast. In 1999, he thruhiked the Appalachian Trail, a 2,160+ mile hike from Georgia to Maine. His journey is captured in the website DickTakesAHike.com. Along with his wife of over 41 years, Zita, he leaves his stepdaughter, Laurie Neronha and her husband Timothy of N. Providence, RI, and their son Logan; his brother-in-law, Raymond Record of Jaffrey, NH; his sisters-in-law, Laurie Winterberg and her husband Leonard Lipp of Pensacola, FL, and Eileen Gillikin of Harrisonburg, VA. He was predeceased by his siblings, Raymond Christian, Beverly McDonald, Albert Christian, Bertha Record, and Laura Pratt. His family will receive friends on Thursday, July 21, 2022, from 6 – 7 p.m., at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor; followed by a funeral service in the funeral home to begin at 7 p.m. A private burial will take place at East Cemetery in Manchester. To learn about Richard's journey with Alzheimer's Disease, please listen to "My Spouse Has Dementia," a podcast his wife launched to share their story. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Connecticut Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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DiBenedetto, David J.



David J. DiBenedetto, 70, passed away on July 18, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of Patricia (Tellerico) DiBenedetto for 33 years. Dave was born on July 10, 1952. He grew up in Southington and was the eldest son of the late Frank and Carmella (Perillo) DiBenedetto. Dave loved his Italian-American heritage, his garden, cooking, and riding his Harley on the open road traveling six times across America. He was a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Isabella Council #15. "Animale," as he was often called, had a bark worse than his bite. He had a heart of gold and was a loyal friend. Dave was a Southington Police Officer until he owned and operated DiBenedetto's Restaurant in Plainville for 12 years. He expressed his love through cooking for others especially during Lent at St. Thomas School where he made and served his famous pasta fagioli. In between the craziness, he created fond memories taking family trips to the beach and having picnics in the backyard. In his free time, you could find him watching the New York Yankees or NASCAR racing. He enjoyed spending time with his wife and children, playing cribbage or setback. In addition to his wife, he leaves behind his three daughters Nicola (Keith), Rachael (Branden), and Sarah (Todd); his godmother, Anne Benedetto and siblings, Marie, Frank (Cathy), Diane, Carmel, Michelle, Tommy, & Tony and in-laws Patricia Tellerico, Mark, Ann Marie, Kathy (Dan), Joe (Sue), Tina (Jim) and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. The family would like to thank Dr. Ralph Prezioso, Dr. Antoine Ferneini, the Fresenius Dialysis Center, Ronnie Serafino and respective staff for the care they provided over the years, and Nurse Peter DelBuono. His funeral will be held on Saturday, July 23rd at 9:15 a.m. from the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St., Southington to St. Aloysius Church, 254 Burritt St., Plantsville for a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at St. Thomas Cemetery. Calling hours will be Friday from 4-8pm. For online condolences and directions please visit, www.dellavecchiasouthington.com In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Southington Bread for Life, PO Box 925, Southington, CT 06489.

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Cubeta, Lucy C.



Lucy C. Cubeta, 88, of Old Saybrook, passed away on July 18th, 2022. She was born to the late Angelo and Maria (D’Orio) Cubeta on December 18th, 1933. She was predeceased by her sister, Josephine R. Cubeta and her brother, Paul A. Cubeta. She is survived by her sister, Mary T. Botti, and her brother, Angelo (Rick) Cubeta. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, cousins and friends. Starting in high school and lasting her whole life, Lucy was a proud member of Club 52, a group of eight women whose friendships lasted more than half a century. Lucy was employed in her family business (Cubeta Bros. Inc.) as bookkeeper, and also worked at Woolworth’s prior to staying home to take care of family after her mother’s death. After helping to raise her siblings with her sister Jo, she returned to the workforce and worked at CT Judicial Branch in Middletown, Hartford, and Enfield for more than 30 years before retiring as the acting Records Center Manager. In 2009, Lucy fulfilled her lifelong dream of living on the shoreline when she relocated from Middletown to Old Saybrook. She loved the Banbury Crossing community. Lucy enjoyed playing cards and Mahjong with friends, being with family, and living life to the fullest. She brought so much joy and laughter to everyone who knew her, and she will be forever cherished and remembered. Friends can call at D’Angelo’s Funeral Home in Middletown on Friday, July 22nd from 11:00-11:45 AM, which will immediately be followed by a mass of Christian burial at St. Sebastian’s Church in Middletown. Burial will follow at St. Sebastian’s Cemetery in Middlefield. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Fund for Yale New Haven Hospital.

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Grunberg, Michael



GRUNBERG, Michael Joseph, 55, of Brooksville, Florida, passed away on Monday, June 6, 2022 at the HPH Hospice Care Center. He was born November 28, 1966 in Queens, New York and was a truck driver for over 20 years. He was a faithful servant to the Lord and a member of Grace World Outreach Church. He dedicated his life in service of the Lord ministering to those in need and sharing his love of God with others. He was involved in the jail and prison ministry, Baptism ministry, food outreach, and the homeless ministry. He loved spending time with his family and was a kind and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoyed anything involved with being on the water from kayaking to boating. He is survived by his loving wife, Teresa Grunberg of Brooksville, Florida; his children, Jamie, Jeremy, Justina, Josiah, and Elijah; his father, David Grunberg; his grandchildren, Alice and Luna Parker; and several siblings. He is preceded in death by his mother, Angelika Hidde.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00am, Saturday, June 25, 2022 at Grace World Outreach Church.
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Hutchinson, Patricia A. (Bean)



Patricia Ann (Bean) Hutchinson, 86, of Berlin and formerly of East Hampton, wife of the late William T. Hutchinson, passed away on July 17, 2022 at Midstate Medical Center. Born in Concord, NH, she was the daughter of the late Vernon and Dorothy (Corson) Bean. Pat had lived in Berlin since 2009 and prior to that, East Hampton for forty years. She raised and showed German Shepherds for twenty-eight years with her best accomplishment being Bruno her AKC Champion. For Pat, family was the most important part of her life especially her granddaughters. She is survived by a son, Mark Hutchinson and his wife Christine of East Hampton; a daughter, Cathy Westerberg and her husband Peter of Middletown; two siblings, Richard Bean of Rochester, NH and Katherine Brownell of Rochester, NH; three granddaughters, Micayla Westerberg and her partner Nicholas Gervais, Laura St. John and her husband Justin and Jessica Hutchinson and Pat’s special buddy “Freddy” the cat. A private graveside service will be held in the State Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Pat’s memory may be made to Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, 103 Vision Way, Bloomfield, CT 06002. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

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Jones, Jr., Stan



The one and only Stan Jones, Jr., 75, of Windsor, beloved husband and best friend for 54 years of Linda (Silvestri) Jones, passed away peacefully at his home on July 17, 2022. Stan, otherwise known as “Grampy,” “BIG,” and “Stan The Man,” was lovingly attended to by his wife and daughters during his last weeks in the home he loved so dearly. In addition to his soulmate, Linda, Stan is survived by his daughters, Courtney Gray and her husband Michael, and their 3 children, Savannah, Michael, Jr., and Lyndsey Gray; and Marcey Grade, and her children, Noah and Ethan Grade. Stan also leaves behind his loving brothers and sisters, Linda Jones, Renee and Ray Simmons, Holly and Nate Blount, and Tyler, Clark, and Marie Jones; very special people who are considered family, Wendy Gagliardi, and her two sons, Nicholas and Anthony Parker, and Missy Hannon; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews. His family will receive friends on Thursday, July 21, 10 a.m.-12 Noon, at St. Joseph Church, 1747 Poquonock Avenue, Windsor, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 12 Noon. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. To read the full obituary or leave a condolence for his family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Prickett, Henrietta (Tokarz)



Henrietta (Tokarz) Prickett, 75, of Portland, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 17th. She was born December 9th, 1946 in Middletown to the late Adolph and Tessie (Bajorek) Tokarz. In 1985, she married the love of her life, Gordon Prickett. Henrietta worked as an administrative assistant for Connecticut Underwriters and worked for Wannerstrom’s Appliances in Portland for 30 years and was a lifelong member of St. Mary’s Church in Portland. Henrietta was an avid reader, enjoyed doing puzzles, family trips to Hampton Beach and going to the casino with her beloved husband and sister. Henrietta was predeceased by her husband, Gordon Prickett and her brother, Edward Tokarz. She will be lovingly missed by her sister, Catherine Tokarz of Portland; her son and daughter-in-law Alan and Sheri Prickett of Manchester; her son Scott Prickett of Vernon; 5 grandchildren; her sister-in-law, Diane Tokarz of East Hampton, her nephew and his wife William and Allison Tokarz of East Hampton; her niece and her family, Tracy and Chris Moody, Brooke and Jordan Moody of Virginia.

The funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 23rd, at 10:30 a.m. in the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St, Portland. Burial will be in the family plot in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Portland. Friends may call at the funeral home on Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

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Wright , Mary



Mary Wright, 69, of Farmington, was reunited in heaven with her beloved husband, Lee J. Wright, on July 15. She passed away with her three children, Ryan Wright of Windsor Locks, Christopher Wright of Southington and Jennifer Price of Nokomis, Florida, by her side. Mary is also survived by her son in law, Graham Price and her two grandchildren, Gavin and Archie Price. Additionally, she is survived by her sister, Donna Mangene of Southington as well as extended family and countless friends.

Mary was born in New Britain to Ugo and Lucille Follacchio. She graduated from Central Connecticut State University in New Britain where she met her husband as well as many of her lifelong friends. An avid follower of the UConn Huskies basketball teams, Mary was also a lifelong fan the Beatles, however nothing brought her greater joy than spending time with her children and grandchildren.

The family will receive relatives and friends to celebrate her life Thursday, July 21st at Rose Hill Funeral Home 580 Elm St. Rocky Hill, CT from 5:00pm to 7:00pm with a service to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital www.stjude.org. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com

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Spejewski, Margaret A. (Doyle)



Margaret Ann Spejewski, 86, of Enfield, Connecticut, died at home with her beloved family on Friday (July 15, 2022) after a brief illness. She was born on January 31 in Hammond, Indiana, the daughter of the late Fred and Joan Doyle. She attended Hammond High School, starting her collegiate studies at Purdue University and completing her Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing at Northwestern University in Chicago. After marrying her husband Chet, they moved to Connecticut and settled into the newly built Southwood Acres. She lovingly raised her children while expertly practicing OB/GYN nursing at Baystate & Wesson Women’s Hospitals, Springfield, Massachusetts for 32 years, retiring to help raise her special grandchildren. Margaret showered her love on all of us by gifting us all with delicious foods and baked goodies; taking us on adventures to local historic and nature sites; sharing her love of birds, music, crafts, books, gardens and art; and proudly celebrating birthdays of all her family and friends with homemade cakes and cards. She was an avid sports fan, cheering on the Red Sox and her favorite college teams UCONN, Purdue and Northwestern, especially in basketball and football. In later years, Mom was always ready to experience adventures; tell wonderfully detailed stories, stay in touch via text, mail or phone with a relative or friend; seek out art or music or discuss the crazy weather with us kids and her brothers and sisters. She especially enjoyed the ocean, mountains and seasons of New England, frequently stopping to point out a bird, lighthouse or tree, pick up a seashell or share a sunset. Her special companions were her three grandchildren for the last 33 years, playing games, puzzles, and solving life’s mysteries; laughing and joking along the way. She will be dearly missed by her daughter Beth (Spejewski) Frechette and her partner Bob Clark of Somers; son John Spejewski of Rockville; daughter Susan (Spejewski) DeFranzo of Staffordville, all in CT; along with her grandchildren who adored her, Randy and Christy Frechette and Meaghan DeFranzo. She is also survived by her son-in-law Rick Frechette of Sanford, NC, daughter-in-law Bridget Spejewski of Enfield, CT, brother in law Frank Chance of Bismarck, ND, sister Liz (Doyle) and Chuck Kristoff of Georgetown, TX, and brother Tom and Jan Doyle of Amherst, OH; sisters in law Florencia Spejewski of Lynwood, IL and Sue (Spejewski) Jongsma and brother in law Eugene and Doris Spejewski all of Portage, IN, in addition to many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and our countless pet family members.. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Chester Spejewski, mother in law and father in law Stanley and Virginia (Grelecki) Spejewski, son-in-law Mike DeFranzo (who shared her birthday), sisters Fran (Doyle) Bolling and Eleanor (Doyle) Chance, niece Jodie Bolling, nephew Brian Chance, brothers in law Marvin Bolling, Edward Spejewski, Clyde Darnell, and Jim Jongsma, sisters in law Stella (Spejewski) Darnell and Norma Spejewski. Family and friends are invited to celebrate her life at a casual memorial reception on Saturday, July 30 from 1-4 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 138 North Maple Street, Enfield, Connecticut. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family. Thanks to the many departments of Baystate Health Center, Beacon Hospice and Jackie Davis Teske of Leete Stevens who supported Mom and each of us in her final days with kindness and true compassion. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society (<https://donate3.cancer.org>), Baystate Medical Foundation - Emergency, Heart & Vascular or Oncology Programs (www.baystatehealth.org/giving), or a charity of your choice. For online condolences please visit leetestelevens.com

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